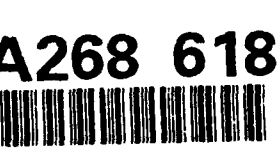
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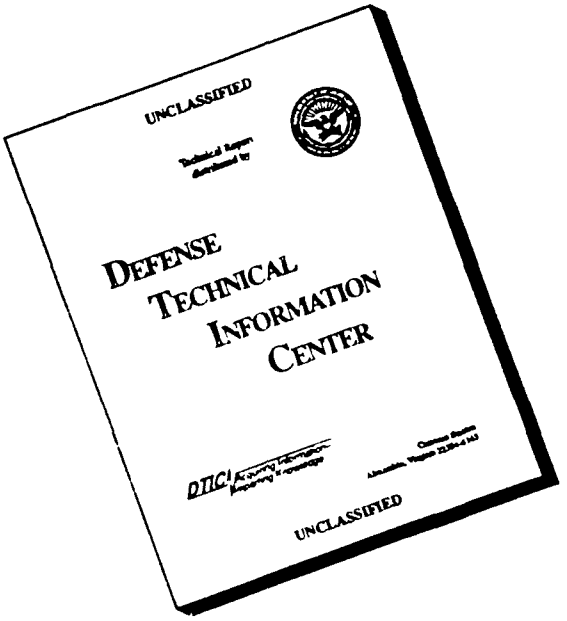
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The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR 1503.1) require that "after preparing a draft environmental impact statement and before preparing a final environmental impact statement the agency shall:

1) Obtain the comments of any Federal agency which has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved or which is authorized to develop and enforce environmental standards.

2) Request the comments of:
   i) Appropriate state and local agencies which are authorized to develop and enforce environmental standards.
   ii) Indian tribes, when the effects may be on a reservation; and
   iii) Any agency which has requested that it receive statements on actions of the kind proposed.

3) Request comments from the applicant, if any.

4) Request comments from the public, affirmatively soliciting comments from those persons or organizations who may be interested or affected."

The regulations further require that "an agency preparing a final environmental impact statement shall assess and consider comments both individually and collectively," and shall respond to those comments in the final document.

In compliance with these regulations, the Air Force released the *Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AFB, California and Relocation of Space Systems Division* for a 45-day public review and comment period on August 10, 1990. Copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) were sent to agencies, organizations, and individuals as required, and were made available to the public upon request. A listing of recipients is provided in Appendix C. Copies of the DEIS were also sent to public and university libraries near each of the bases considered in the document.

This appendix provides a summary of the public comment and review period and contains an overview of the public comment management process, a listing of all respondents, copies of the public hearing transcripts and all written comment documents received, and a listing of all issues identified in the documents and the responses to the issues.

The review of public comments served as one element in the preparation of the Final EIS (FEIS). Many issues addressed in the public comments led to the conduct of further analysis, reanalysis, and/or verification of data. In accordance with CEQ regulations, all comments have received responses. In some cases the response is that the issue is beyond the scope of the EIS. All comments received and the responses to each are included as part of the FEIS.

PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE DEIS

The public review and comment period for the DEIS began on August 10, 1990 and ended on September 24, 1990. During this review period, public comments on the DEIS were solicited. Written comments were submitted to the Air Force Regional Civil Engineer at Norton Air Force Base (AFB), California. Oral and written comments were received at 6 public hearings conducted between August

27 and September 7, 1990. The public hearings were held in El Segundo, California for Los Angeles AFB; Lompoc, California for Vandenberg AFB; San Bernardino, California for the Ballistic Missile Organization; Riverside, California for March AFB; Colorado Springs, Colorado for Peterson AFB/Falcon AFB; and Albuquerque, New Mexico for Kirtland AFB.

PUBLIC COMMENT MANAGEMENT PROCESS

During the public comment and review period, comments on the DEIS were received from federal, state, and local agencies and officials; organizations; and individuals. The comments included testimony at the 6 public hearings (i.e., transcripts as recorded by court reporters), letters, and written statements submitted at the public hearings. Each of these are referred to as documents and all were given the same consideration in the review and analysis process. A total of 291 documents were received in addition to the transcripts from the 6 public hearings.

Comments were analyzed and responses were prepared using a public comment management process. The purpose of this process was to analyze each comment received, formulate a response, and incorporate corrections, revisions, and necessary additional studies into the FEIS. All documents were assigned a document number for purposes of identification and information tracking (Transcript 1 to 6 for the public hearing transcripts and 1 to 291 for the written comments). A listing of all individuals who provided oral comments at the 6 public hearings is provided in Table F-1. The listing for each hearing provides the individual's name and the page number of the public hearing transcript their testimony begins on. A listing of all respondents submitting written comments is provided in Table F-2, identifying the author's name, city, state, affiliation (if appropriate), and corresponding document number.

The comments in each document were analyzed to identify the issues addressed. The identified issues were assigned to one of 15 categories which generally correspond to the information contained in the DEIS. The categories include Air Force policy issues, Environmental Impact Analysis Process (EIAP) issues, project description/siting issues, and each of the resource areas analyzed in the EIS. Issues that could not be clearly classified were categorized as general comments. Each issue was assigned an issue code number and all comments addressing the same issue received the same issue code number. The issue code number consists of two numbers. The first number designates the category or issue area to which the issue was assigned and the second number is a sequential issue number within each issue area.

Response text prepared for all verbal comments made at the 6 public hearings and all written comments is provided in Appendix F.3. Reproductions of the public hearing transcripts are presented in Appendix F.1 and all written comment documents are presented in Appendix F.2. Appendix F.4 provides a list of all issue topics identified in the public comments. To locate a particular comment and the Air Force's response, the reader should use the following steps as a guideline:

Step 1: Locate document number in Table F-1 for public hearing (oral) comments and Table F-2 for written comments. For the public hearing comments, the page number of the public hearing transcript where the testimony begins is also provided.

Step 2: For the public hearing comments, locate the document in Appendix F.1 by using the document number (Transcript 1 to 6) and page number of the hearing transcript. For written comments, locate the document in Appendix F.3 using the document number (Document 1 to 291). The responses to the issue code numbers shown in the margins of the documents are located in Appendix F.3.

Table F-1

Speakers at Public Hearings for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AFB and Relocation of Space Systems Division

Los Angeles AFB Public Hearing
El Segundo, California
(Transcript 1)

Ackland, Karen	(p65)	O'Dey, Ernie	(p58)
Bacharach, Hon. Jacki	(p36)	Paulikas, Joan	(p63)
Bermejo, Elmy	(p41)	Peach, Judith	(p90)
rep. Hon. Mel Levine		Remy, Ray	(p49)
Bittan, Melinda	(p93)	Saunders, J.A.	(p79)
Butterfield, Bob	(p74)	Sefchek, Paul	(p96)
Cau, Dominique	(p86)	Sunshine, Brian	(p52)
Cohen, David Barrett	(p78)	Turner, Janet	(p43)
Fabiani, Mark	(p47)	Wazzan, Dr. Frank	(p83)
Goodson, Michael	(p60)	Wickwire, Robert	(p88)
Hanson, Mark	(p61)	Wiley, George	(p46)
Iacobellis, Sam	(p54)	rep. Hon. Curtis Tucker	
Jacobs, Sandra	(p73)	Wooton, Michael	(p38)
Jacobson, Hon. Carl	(p33)	rep. Hon. Pete Wilson	
Mason, W.T.	(p71)	Zimmer, Herb	(p67)

Vandenberg AFB Public Hearing
Lompoc, California
(Transcript 2)

Betts, Donald	(p54)	Loney, Hon. Marvin	(p41)
Bunch, Roger	(p86)	Manning, Bob	(p61)
Cofield, Janice	(p32)	Miyoshi, Hon. Toru	(p37)
rep Hon. Robert Lagomarsino		Morey, Alan	(p85)
Diani, James	(p81)	Owens, Hon. Dianne	(p39)
Fugate, Burt	(p49)	Perglea, Chuck	(p55)
Genhart, Don	(p83)	Rauh, George	(p64)
Gill, Gordon	(p87)	Renfrow, Dottie	(p80)
Good, Peggy	(p36)	Rubinstein, Lou	(p72)
rep. Hon. Gary K. Hart		Schermerhorn, Charles	(p102)
Grantz, Howard	(p74)	Sherer, Adolph	(p59)
Holmdahl, Dewayne	(p77)	Smith, J.D.	(p43)
Hosey, Darlene	(p84)	Spellman, James, Jr.	(p106)
Hulme, R.A.	(p62)	Spicer, J.H.	(p60)
Jankowski, Gerald	(p91)	Staffel, Timothy	(p95)
Kim, Mira	(p58)	Stoker, Michael Brian	(p93)
Langill, Wayne	(p70)	Urbanske, Hon. Thomas	(p44)
Leadbetter, Rick	(p63)	Vujicic, Batta	(p98)
Lee, Robert E.	(p58)	Wahlers, Gene	(p67)
Lewis, Walter	(p53)	Walker, John	(p88)
Libby, Barbara	(p73)	Weston, Jim	(p57)

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Ballistic Missile Organization Public Hearing
San Bernardino, California
(Transcript 3)

Albright, Steve (p73)
Appleton, Dr. Jim (p53)
Brown, Hon. George, Jr. (p32)
Hammock, Hon. Robert (p41)
Henley, Sam (p69)
Kercheval, Bob (p68)
Larkin, Don (p65)
Leyman, John (p39)
rep. Hon. Leo McCarthy
Maudsley, Judy (p51)
McElroy, David (p44)
rep. Hon. Norton Younglove
Mullen, Tom (p41)
rep. Hon. Robert Presley
Paul, Jay A. (p53)
PonTell, Steve (p40)
rep. Hon. Bill Leonard
PonTell, Steve (p59)
Smith, Harry F., Jr. (p50)
Tully, Hon. Laurie (p45)
Wolf, Robert (p57)

March AFB Public Hearing
Riverside, California
(Transcript 4)

Albright, Steve (p90)
Ashley, Marion (p86)
Beeler, Todd F. (p106)
Bounds, Robert J. (p72)
Bradley, Leannah (p53)
rep. Hon. George Brown, Jr.
Broadbent, Jack (p126)
Burgess, Virginia (p123)
Conley, Jerry (p120)
Cottrell, Gary (p61)
Curts, John (p81)
Ford, Hon. Trammell (p47)
Frizzel, Hon. Terry (p44)
Glasgow, John E. (p100)
Horspool, J. David (p66)
Hutchison, Jon K. (p116)
Knox, Harley (p103)
Leyman, John (p56)
rep. Hon. Leo McCarthy
McCandless, Hon. Al (p35)
Miller, Sue A. (p58)
rep. Hon David Kelley
Miller, Ken (p129)
Mullen, Tom (p57)
rep. Hon. Robert Presley
Pick, Art (p60)
rep. Hon. Steve Clute
Pick, Art (p74)
PonTell, Steve (p97)
Quinn, James (p72)
Reagan, Jack (p108)
Singletary, Bart R. (p84)
Snyder, David C. (p94)
Stubblefield, Gene (p86)
Wagner, Henry (p89)
Wales, Bob (p78)
Wootton, Michael (p50)
rep. Hon. Pete Wilson
Younglove, Hon. Norton (p40)

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Peterson AFB/Falcon AFB Public Hearing
Colorado Springs, Colorado
(Transcript 5)

Anderson, Tim	(p26)	Littrell, Hal	(p31)
Burnley, Kenneth	(p24)	Mundt, James	(p33)
Callahan, Hon. Michael	(p17)	Musick, Pat	(p22)
Couto, Wayne	(p27)	Rochette, Paul	(p30)
Cuddeback, Gary	(p34)	Scott Solomon, Connie	(p20)
Finkleman, David	(p38)	rep. Hon. William Armstrong	
Hefley, Hon. Joel	(p16)	Shupp, Hon. Gary	(p19)
Holmes, Flora	(p28)	Sprunger-Froese, Mary	(p42)
Isaac, Hon. Robert	(p18)	Sprunger-Froese, Peter	(p29)
Johnson, Samuel	(p35)	Sulzman, Bill	(p40)
Kornelly, Irene	(p21)	Williams, Dr. Dick	(p37)
rep. Hon. Timothy E. Wirth		Zeitvogel, Charles	(p43)
Lessovitz, Jack	(p33)		

Kirtland AFB Public Hearing
Albuquerque, New Mexico
(Transcript 6)

Covell, Jim	(p51)	Murphy, Vince	(p32)
Haley, Mack	(p39)	rep. Hon. Jeff Bingaman	
Holzer, Kenn	(p45)	Murphy, Kevin	(p37)
Hyer, Darlene	(p36)	rep. Hon. Louis Saavedra	
rep. Hon. Steve Schiff		Sholtis, Joseph, Jr.	(p56)
Mathias, D. Sterling	(p55)	Vesely, Charles	(p47)
McVicker, Doug	(p44)	Waid, Earl	(p42)
Moch, J. Howard	(p49)		

Table F-2

List of Respondents Submitting Written Comments

Serial Number	Respondent	Document Number
	Los Angeles AFB, California	
	Federal Agencies/Officials	
1	Honorable Pete Wilson, U.S. Senate (Washington, D.C.)	89
2	Honorable Mel Levine, U.S. House of Representatives (Washington, D.C.)	285
3	U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Environmental Affairs (Patricia Sanderson Port) (San Francisco, California)	229
4	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, Office of External Affairs (Deanna Wieman) (San Francisco, California)	288
	State Agencies/Officials	
5	California Department of Transportation, District 7 (Gary McSweeney) (Los Angeles, California)	253
6	California Office of the Adjutant General (Ronald W. Cross) (Sacramento, California)	289
7	California Office of Planning and Research (Robert P. Martinez, Director) (Sacramento, California)	248
	Local Agencies/Officials	
8, 9	Honorable Carl Jacobson, Mayor (El Segundo, California)	4, 78
10	City of Los Angeles (Mark D. Fabiani, Deputy Mayor) (Los Angeles, California)	286
11	City of Torrance (Leroy J. Jackson, City Manager) (Torrance, California)	3
12	Southern California Association Of Governments (Ann Baker) (Los Angeles, California)	243
13	Wiseburn School District (Clinton E. Boutwell, Superintendent) (Hawthorne, California)	280
	Organizations	
14	Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce (Ray Remy) (Los Angeles, California)	52
15	San Pedro Peninsula Chamber of Commerce (San Pedro, California)	30
16	South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (Ernie O'Dell) (Torrance, California)	2
	Individuals	
17	Anne Barfield (Torrance, California)	6
18	Rodney Barfield (Torrance, California)	39
19	Gregory S. Brown (Los Angeles, California)	171
20	Bob Butterfield (Manhattan Beach, California)	5
21	Jerry Gaines (San Pedro, California)	260

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Serial Number	Respondent	Document Number
	Los Angeles AFB (continued)	
	Individuals (continued)	
22	Frank A. Godoy, Jr. (El Segundo, California)	25
23	Steve Hammes (El Segundo, California)	32
24, 25	P.L. Hunt (El Segundo, California)	22, 38
26	Robert S. Katson (Manhattan Beach, California)	45
27	Cal Larson (Culver City, California)	160
28	Susan M. Leeney (San Pedro, California)	267
29	John N. McMahon (Sunnyvale, California)	59
30	Joan M. Paulikas (Palos Verdes Estates, California)	1
31	Steven C. Sirbuly (Redlands, California))	169
32	Penny Standerfer (El Segundo, California)	40
33	Robert J. Wickmire (Hermosa Beach, California)	269
34	J. Lane Zercher (Playa Del Rey, California)	68
	Ballistic Missile Organization San Bernardino, California	
	Federal Agencies/Officials	
1, 2	Honorable George E. Brown, Jr., U.S. House of Representatives (Washington, D.C.)	42, 51
	State Agencies/Officials	
3	Honorable Leo McCarthy, Lieutenant Governor (Sacramento, California)	93
4, 5	Honorable Bill Leonard, California State Senate (Sacramento, California)	92, 164
6	Honorable Jerry Eaves, California State Assembly (Sacramento, California)	63
7	Honorable David G. Kelly, California State Assembly (Sacramento, California)	46
8	California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (John L. Lewis) (Monterey Park, California)	20
	Local Agencies/Officials	
9	Honorable Robert L. Hammock, County of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors (San Bernardino, California)	287
10	Honorable Laurie Tully, Mayor (Highland, California)	44
	Organizations	
11	Coalition of Chambers (R.G. Kercheval) (Redlands, California)	41
12	Inland Action, Inc. (Richard E. Leal) (San Bernardino, California)	204
13	Redlands Chamber of Commerce (Judy Maudlsey) (Redlands, California)	94

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Serial Number	Respondent	Document Number
	Ballistic Missile Organization (continued)	
	Organizations	
14	San Bernardino Area Chambers of Commerce (Wilfred Heitritter) (San Bernardino, California)	95
	Individuals	
15	Aloysius G. Casey (Redlands, California)	17
16	Don Hardy (San Bernardino, California)	290
	Vandenberg AFB, California	
	Federal Agencies/Officials	
1, 2	Honorable Robert Lagomarsino, U. S. House of Representatives (Washington, D.C.)	89, 284
	State Agencies/Officials	
3	Honorable Gary K. Hart, California State Senate (Sacramento, California)	11
4	California Coastal Commission (Elizabeth A. Fuchs) (San Francisco, California)	132
5	California Department of Transportation, District 5 (A.C. Carlton) (San Luis Obispo, California)	33
	Local Agencies/Officials	
6	Honorable Toru Miyoshi, County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors (Santa Maria, California)	16
7	City of Lompoc (Gene L. Wahlers, City Administrator) (Lompoc, California)	35
8	City of Lompoc Planning Department (King Patrick Leonard, Director) (Lompoc, California)	258
9	City of Santa Maria (Wayne Schwammel, City Administrator) (Santa Maria, California)	21
10	County of Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control District (Gary Wissman) (Goleta, California)	213
11	County of Santa Barbara Resource Management Department (Jeffrey T. Harris, Deputy Director) (Santa Barbara, California)	224
12	County of San Luis Obispo Air Pollution Control District (David Morrow) (San Luis Obispo, California)	291
13	Santa Maria Joint Union High School District (Larry G. Ruttan, Superintendent) (Santa Maria, California)	64
	Organizations	
14	Citizen's Planning Association of Santa Barbara County, Inc. (Michael Gray) (Santa Barbara, California)	174

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Serial Number	Respondent	Document Number
	Vandenberg AFB, California (continued)	
	Organizations (continued)	
15	Committee to Improve North County (R. A. Hulme) (Santa Maria, California)	275
16	Environmental Defense Center (Jeffrey S. Alford) (Santa Barbara, California)	244
17	La Purisma Audubon Society (Linda Sehgal) (Lompoc, California)	7
18	Orcutt Area Advisory Group, Inc. (Mary LaFaille) (Orcutt, California)	262
19	Santa Maria Valley Economic Development Association (James A. Diani) (Santa Maria, California)	12
20	Vandenberg Village Association Board of Directors (Richard R. Luce) (Lompoc, California)	76
21	Vandenberg Village Community Services District (Howard E. Grantz) (Vandenberg Village, California)	240
	Individuals	
22	Jill Abbott (Lompoc, California)	69
23	Monte Baker (Santa Maria, California)	189
24	Nina Baker-Lievanos (Santa Maria, California)	49
25	Bruce A. Beebe (Lompoc, California)	163
26	Cathy Brooke (Lompoc, California)	37
27	John & Sandra Buecheer (Lompoc, California)	62
28	Roger G. Bunch (Santa Maria, California)	8
29	Thomas C. Calkins (Lompoc, California)	9
30	Joseph P. Carey (Lompoc, California)	239
31	Albert S. Castagnola (Lompoc, California)	50
32	Ellsworth Coker (Arroyo Grande, California)	36
33	Betty V. Dykes Dean (Orcutt, California)	27
34	Deenie Dotson (Arroyo Grande, California)	188
35	Gary J. Dunlap (Lompoc, California)	34
36	Norman Ellerton (Lompoc, California)	53
37	Don Genhart (Vandenberg Village, California)	13
38	Herb Gerfen (Santa Maria, California)	153
39	Dorothy Huseth (Pismo Beach, California)	28
40	Barbara Lenius (Lompoc, California)	26
41	John J. Markon (Lompoc, California)	55
42	Jean Martin (San Luis Obispo, California)	60
43	T. S. Massey (Thousand Oaks, California)	75
44	Kevin D. Moore (Lompoc, California)	242
45	Walter G. Nagel (Santa Maria, California)	281
46	Carol Nash (Lompoc, California)	261
47	Greg Petro (Orcutt, California)	24
48	Don Pfingsten (Santa Maria, California)	81

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Serial Number	Respondent	Document Number
	Vandenberg AFB, California (continued)	
	Individuals (continued)	
49	J.C. Picciuolo (Santa Maria, California)	29
50	George W. Pierce (Santa Maria, California)	18
51	Steve E. Reese (Santa Maria, California)	57
52	Dottie Renfrow (Santa Maria, California)	14
53	Lawrence S. Riemer (Lompoc, California)	77
54	Jean Studer (Santa Maria, California)	15
55	Roger N. Tanner (Lompoc, California)	56
56	John Walakavage (Ventura, California)	65
57	John Walker (Santa Maria, California)	58
58	Dorene S. Wellck (Lompoc, California)	48
	March AFB, California	
	Federal Agencies/Officials	
1	Honorable Pete Wilson, U.S. Senate (Washington, D.C.)	89
	State Agencies/Officials	
2	Honorable Robert D. Presley, California State Senate (Sacramento, California)	91
3	Honorable Steve Clute, California State Assembly (Sacramento, California)	54
	Local Agencies/Officials	
4	Honorable Norton Younglove, Chairman, County of Riverside Board of Supervisors (Riverside, California)	90
5	Honorable Ann Connors, Mayor (Beaumont, California)	87
6	Honorable Terry Frizzel, Mayor (Riverside, California)	175
7	City of Hemet (James Quinn, Vice-Mayor) (Hemet, California)	86
8	City of Moreno Valley Economic Development Department (Cheryl L. Dye, Director) (Moreno Valley, California)	270
9	City of Moreno Valley Planning Department (Ronald L. Smith/Jeffrey Spector) (Moreno Valley, California)	23
10	City of Riverside (Robert C. Wales, Assistant City Manager) (Riverside, California)	266
11	County of Riverside (Gary N. Cotrell, Chief Administrative Officer) (Riverside, California)	88
12	Moreno Valley Unified School District (Kenneth R. Miller) (Moreno Valley, California)	203
13	Riverside City College District (Charles A. Kane, President) (Riverside, California)	271
14	Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission (Edward G. Butler, Vice Chairman) (Riverside, California)	194

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Serial Number	Respondent	Document Number
	March AFB, California (continued)	
	Local Agencies/Officials (continued)	
15	Riverside County Transportation Commission (Jack Reagan, Executive Director) (Riverside, California)	84
16	South Coast Air Quality Management District (Barry W. Wallerstein) (El Monte, California)	245
	Organizations	
17, 18	Economic Development Partnership, Inc. (William D. Rich) (Riverside, California)	215, 265
19	Inland Empire Economic Council (Steve PonTell) (Ontario, California)	82
20, 21 22, 23	Inland Empire Space Systems Division Relocation Group (Stephen Albright) (Riverside, California)	130, 193, 202, 252
	Individuals	
24, 25	John E. Glasgow (Century City, California)	83, 236
26	Harley Knox (Moreno Valley, California)	134
27	Nick Manalisay (Riverside, California)	85
28	William D. Rich (Riverside, California)	212
29	Bart R. Singletary (Riverside, California)	67
30	Albert C. Sykes (Moreno Valley, California)	214
31	Henry Wagner (Sun City, California)	238
32	Matthew E. Webb (Riverside, California)	216
	Peterson AFB/Falcon AFB, Colorado	
	Federal Agencies/Officials	
1	Honorable William L. Armstrong, U.S. Senate (Washington, D.C.)	100
2	Honorable Hank Brown, U.S. House of Representatives (Washington, D.C.)	31
3	U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration (Barbara Johnson) (Denver, Colorado)	80
	State Agencies/Officials	
4	Colorado Department of Highways, Office of Environmental Review and Analysis (Robin E. Geddy) (Denver, Colorado)	206
5	Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Board of Land Commissioners (John S. Wilkes III) (Denver, Colorado)	208
6	Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife (Bruce Goforth) (Denver, Colorado)	259
7	Colorado Office of the State Engineer, Division of Water Resources (Hal D. Simpson) (Denver, Colorado)	207

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Serial Number	Respondent	Document Number
	Peterson AFB/Falcon AFB, Colorado (continued)	
	Local Agencies/Officials	
8	Honorable Randall W.B. Purvis, City Councilman (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	170
9	City of Colorado Springs (Richard E. Zickefoose, City Manager) (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	201
10	County of El Paso Board of Commissioners (Loren R. Whitmore) (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	181
	Organizations	
11	Cherokee Water and Sanitation District (F. Stuart Loosley) (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	233
12	Colorado Springs Convention and Visitors Bureau (Terry Sullivan) (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	66
13	Mountain View Electric Association, Inc. (John A. Rohr) (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	211
14	Sunset Metropolitan District (Rodney J.Pressier) (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	172
15	Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. (Frank Knutson) (Denver, Colorado)	237
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17,18	Tim Andersen (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	61, 97
19	Lisa D. Are (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	255
20	Chris Beardsley (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	152
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26	Will A. Brickell (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	178
27	Kenneth W. Brosh (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	197
28	Joan Brown (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	137
29	Donald Chorpenning (Denver, Colorado)	263
30	Matt A. Coleman (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	222
31	R.S. Cooper (Denver, Colorado)	123
32	John Covert (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	249
33	Kip E. Deitemeyer (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	225
34	Bryan Deming (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	264
35	Randy Churchill Dowis (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	200
36	Patricia L. Erickson (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	218
37	A.J. Ernster (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	217
38	Ann Fetsch (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	161
39	Craig H. Fetterolf (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	195

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41	Karl Flemke (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	131
42	Rex H. Hampton (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	219
43	Phillip K. Heacock (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	268
44	Peter J. Hoke (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	155
45	Flora M. Holmes (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	70
46	Darwin L. Howard (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	209
47	Frank E. Howard (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	166
48	Dan S. Hughes (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	148
49	Carl Hurst, P.E. (Boulder, Colorado)	19
50	William K. Hurt (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	282
51	Terry A. James (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	187
52	Thomas M. James (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	147
53	David D. Jenkins (Manitou Springs, Colorado)	283
54	Berni Barber Johnson III (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	220
55	Theodore W. Jones (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	180
56	Esther L. Kisamore (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	167
57	John C. Kolb (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	143
58	Ronald A. Lehmann (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	79
59	Robert E. Lemke (Colorado Drive, Colorado)	135
60	Robert O. Loveland (Denver, Colorado)	96
61	Frank A. Malvini (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	156
62	Edward S. Mansfield (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	165
63	John W. Mathers (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	177
64	Robert C. McHugh (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	138
65	Jon J. Medved (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	192
66	Rod E. Merrion (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	232
67	Edward D. Meyer (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	168
68	Thomas D. Mino (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	231
69	Flora Moeller (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	183
70	Pat Musick (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	98
71	Harlan L. Ochs (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	71
72	Lawrence D. Ochs (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	133
73	Allen Orner (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	145
74	Angela Osborne (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	273
75	Geoffrey Parker (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	159
76	Marijane Axtell Paulsen (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	257
77	Jan Peterson (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	186
78	Dennis A. Phelps (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	277
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85	Gary Rosoff (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	272
86	T.L. Rupinski (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	185
87	Harry A. Salzman (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	241
88	Harvey W. Schiller (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	246
89	Deborah Schindler (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	254
90	Dick Schnickel (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	184
91	Cari Shaffer (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	190
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93	Wayne Six (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	162
94	Charles T. Smith (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	235
95	James E. Spittler, Jr. (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	196
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98	Steven E. Suggs (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	199
99	David K. Sunderland (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	150
100	A. J. Testa (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	47
101	Leo C. Trautman, Jr. (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	250
102	William B. Tutt (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	198
103	Gregg T. Voos (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	230
104	Beatrice W. Vradenburg (Colorado Springs, Co)	151
105	Richard F. Walker (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	226
106	Hal Walter (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	205
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108	Michael D. Warner (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	144
109	Kenneth E. Wasoba (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	182
110	William H. Watkins (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	179
111	Anne M. Weston (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	221
112	Thomas J. Wheat (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	157
113	Jon R. Whitney (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	72
114	Carl Williams (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	141
115	Duane C. Wollmuth (Colorado Springs, Colorado)	210
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6	New Mexico Health and Environment Department (Gedi Cibas) (Santa Fe, New Mexico)	227
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8	Mexico)New Mexico State University (James E. Halligan, President) (Las Cruces, New Mexico)	122
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10	University of New Mexico (Richard E. Peck, President) (Albuquerque, New Mexico)	247
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11	Honorable Eugene M. Gilbert, Chairman, County of Bernalillo Board of Commissioners (Albuquerque, New Mexico)	117
12	Honorable Louis Saavedra, Mayor (Albuquerque, New Mexico)	118
13	Honorable Steve D. Gallegos, City Council President (Albuquerque, New Mexico)	102
14	Albuquerque Public Schools (Mary Lee Martin/Doug McVicker) (Albuquerque, New Mexico)	101
15	City of Albuquerque, Albuquerque International Airport (Dennis A. Parker) Albuquerque, New Mexico)	274
16	City of Albuquerque Environmental Health Department (Sarah B. Kotchian, Director) (Albuquerque, New Mexico)	112
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19	Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments (Albert I. Pierce, Executive Director) (Albuquerque, New Mexico)	43
	Organizations	
20	Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce (George Friberg) (Albuquerque, New Mexico)	119
21	Albuquerque Economic Development (James A. Covell) (Albuquerque, New Mexico)	105
22	Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce (John Avila) (Albuquerque, New Mexico)	74
23	Professional Aerospace Contractors Association of New Mexico (Charles J. Vesely) (Albuquerque, New Mexico)	128
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28	Frank Bond (Albuquerque, New Mexico)	115
29	Dave Brickner (Albuquerque, New Mexico)	136
30	Norman R. Corzine (Albuquerque, New Mexico)	125
31	Sheilah Garcia (Albuquerque, New Mexico)	129
32	William G. Grady (Albuquerque, New Mexico)	126
33	Mack Haley (Las Cruces, New Mexico)	104
34	Jim Harbinson (Albuquerque, New Mexico)	127
35	Ron Joffe (Albuquerque, New Mexico)	279
36	Bruce King (Santa Fe, New Mexico)	116
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APPENDIX F.1 PUBLIC HEARING TRANSCRIPTS

APPENDIX F.1 - PUBLIC HEARING TRANSCRIPTS

The public hearing transcripts for each of the six public hearings held between August 27 and September 7, 1990 for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement are provided on the following pages. Document numbers for the transcripts are as follows:

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Transcript 3	Ballistic Missile Organization; San Bernardino, California
Transcript 4	March AFB; Riverside, California
Transcript 5	Peterson AFB/Falcon AFB; Colorado Springs, Colorado
Transcript 6	Kirtland AFB; Albuquerque, New Mexico

Table F-1 provides a list of the speakers at each public hearing in alphabetical order and the page number of the respective transcript that each speaker's testimony begins on. Each issue identified in the verbal comments has been assigned an issue code as described and indicated by the number in the margin of the transcript page. Responses to these comments are provided in Appendix F.3.

PUBLIC HEARING

CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE

AND

RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION

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Place: El Segundo, California

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PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION, TAKEN IN EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA, ON MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 1990, BEFORE VICKIE BLAIR.

APPEARANCES BY THE AIR FORCE

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MILITARY JUDGE
RANDOLF AIR FORCE BASE

COLONEL ED PEURA
CHIEF OF STAFF AT SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION
LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE

COLONEL PETER BOGY
ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM AT HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE

MAJOR MARY VROMAN
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION
AIR FORCE REGIONAL CIVIL ENGINEER OFFICE
NORTON AIR FORCE BASE

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EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA; MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 1990

PUBLIC HEARING

7:00 P.M.

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COLONEL MORRISON: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF YOU WOULD TAKE YOUR SEATS, WE WILL BEGIN THIS HEARING. GO AHEAD AND TAKE YOUR SEATS, IF YOU WOULD, AND WE WILL START THE HEARING.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S GRATIFYING TO SEE A TURN OUT BY PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN PROPOSED ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE AIR FORCE THAT MAY AFFECT THE CITIZENS OF THIS AREA.

ON MARCH 14, 1990, A SCOPING MEETING WAS HELD HERE TO IDENTIFY IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES THAT MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND THE RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. SUBSEQUENTLY, VARIOUS STUDIES WERE CONDUCTED REGARDING THOSE AND OTHER CONCERNS RELATING TO PROPOSED CLOSURE AND RELOCATION, AND A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT WAS PREPARED.

THE AIR FORCE HAS NOW DISTRIBUTED THIS DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, WHICH ADDRESSES THE PROPOSALS TO CLOSE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND RELOCATE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION BEGINNING IN 1993 AND FINISHING IN

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1996. THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS IDENTIFIED IN THIS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY FOR THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AREA ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN THE HANDOUTS AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE AUDITORIUM AND WILL BE ADDRESSED IN DETAIL TODAY BY MAJOR VRONAN.

SHOULD YOU WISH TO REVIEW THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, COPIES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE EL SEGUNDO LIBRARY AND IN THE HAWTHORNE AND SAN PEDRO DIVISIONS OF THE LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY. IF YOU WANT YOUR OWN COPY, YOU MAY MAKE A SPECIFIC REQUEST BY WRITING TO THE ADDRESS SHOWN ON THE HANDOUT ON THE WRITTEN COMMENTS SHEETS AND A COPY CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS.

NOW, JUST WHY ARE WE HERE THIS EVENING? THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS TO SOLICIT INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC AGENCIES, PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT AND IMPLEMENTING FEDERAL REGULATIONS REQUIRING FEDERAL AGENCIES TO CAREFULLY ANALYZE POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF CERTAIN PROPOSED ACTIONS AND TO USE THOSE ANALYSES IN ARRIVING AT DECISIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO WHETHER AND HOW TO PROCEED WITH A PARTICULAR ACTION.

I'VE BEEN DESIGNATED AS PRESIDING OFFICER OF

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TONIGHT'S PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. MY NAME IS COLONEL WADE HORRISON. I'M AN ATTORNEY AND I'VE SERVED FULL TIME AS AIRCUIT TRIAL JUDGE IN COURT MARTIAL CASES; THEREFORE, FOR ME, THIS IS A WELCOME DIVERSION FROM THE CRIMINAL ARENA TO PRESIDE OVER AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT MEYING SUCH AS THE ONE WE HAVE THIS EVENING.

I'M NOT ASSIGNED TO LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE OR ANY OF THE BASES OR COMMANDS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR THE RELOCATION. I'M NOT HERE AS AN EXPERT ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, NOR HAVE I HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH IT'S DEVELOPMENT, AND I'M NOT HERE TO ACT AS LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE AIR FORCE REPRESENTATIVES WHO WILL ADDRESS THIS PROPOSAL. MY PURPOSE IS SIMPLY TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE A FAIR, ORDERLY HEARING, AND THAT ALL WHO WISH TO BE HEARD HAVE A FAIR CHANCE TO SPEAK.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE AIR FORCE HERE TODAY ARE COLONEL ED PEURA, CHIEF OF STAFF, SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AT LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE. COLONEL PEURA IS HERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE.

NEXT, COLONEL PETER BOSY, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM AT HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND, ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, MARYLAND. COLONEL BOSY WILL SPEAK ABOUT THE PROPOSED

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CLOSURE ACTION AND RELATED 2687 STUDIES.

AND LAST, FROM THE AIR FORCE REGIONAL CIVIL ENGINEER OFFICE AT NORTON AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA, MAJOR MARY VRONAN. MAJOR VRONAN IS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION, AND SHE WILL DESCRIBE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ANALYSES PROCESS AND THE CONCLUSIONS REPORTED IN THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

OUR COURT REPORTER, VICKIE BLAIR, WILL BE TAKING DOWN VERBATIM EVERYTHING THAT IS SAID TONIGHT, AND THIS WILL BECOME PART OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, WHICH IN TURN BECOMES A PART OF THE AIR FORCE RECORD OF DECISION. SHE CAN ONLY DO HER JOB PROPERLY IF SHE CAN HEAR AND UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, SO THOSE OF YOU MAKING COMMENTS THIS EVENING, *PLEASE* KEEP THAT FACT IN MIND.

NOW LET ME SAY WHAT THIS HEARING IS NOT. THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE DEBATE OR REFERENDUM OR A VOTE ON A PROPOSED ACTION ITSELF. THOSE THINGS DON'T ADD ANYTHING TO THE WRITTEN HEARING RECORD AND SIMPLY WASTE YOUR VALUABLE TIME DURING THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR PERSONAL INPUT INTO THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS. THE FOCUS OF THIS HEARING IS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSALS BEING STUDIED BY THE AIR FORCE.

COMMENTS ON NON-ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES SHOULD

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NOT BE RAISED AT THIS HEARING.

WHAT THE HEARING IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE IS A PUBLIC FORUM FOR TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION ABOUT THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, WITH A VIEW TOWARD IMPROVEMENT OF THE OVERALL DECISION-MAKING PROCESS.

YOU'LL NOTICE THAT I SAID "TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION". THE FIRST PART OF THE HEARING PROCESS LETS OUR MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE PEOPLE BRIEF YOU ON THIS PROPOSAL, ITS DETAILS, AND THE ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT. THE SECOND PART OF THE PROCESS IS TO GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE THE AIR FORCE INFORMATION, ASK QUESTIONS, AND MAKE STATEMENTS FOR THE RECORD. THIS INPUT ENSURES THAT THE DECISION MAKERS MAY BENEFIT FROM YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOCAL AREA AND ANY ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS THAT YOU THINK MAY RESULT FROM THE PROPOSED ACTION.

AS YOU CAME IN THE AUDITORIUM THIS EVENING, YOU WERE PROVIDED AN ATTENDANCE CARD AND ASKED TO INDICATE ON IT IF YOU HAD ANY COMMENTS FOR TONIGHT'S MEETING. WHEN THE BRIEFERS ARE FINISHED, I WILL RECOGNIZE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING COMMENTS. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT YET FILLED OUT A CARD TO SPEAK, AND WISH TO DO SO, IF YOU WOULD PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND, SOMEBODY WILL BE BY WITH MORE CARDS TO HAND OUT. SO IF YOU DO WISH TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT TONIGHT, YOU'LL NOTICE THAT THE PODIUMS ARE SET IN THE FRONT HERE WITH MICROPHONES. IF YOU

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WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT TONIGHT, YOU SHOULD FILL OUT ONE OF THESE CARDS. IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE ALREADY THAT YOU'VE FILLED OUT, YOU SHOULD DO SO AND INDICATE THAT YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO THE GROUP.

OUR ORDER OF PROCEEDING IS IN THREE PARTS. FIRST, THE BRIEFING FROM COLONEL BOGY ON THE PROPOSED CLOSURE ACTION AND THE OVERALL STUDY PROCESS. THEN A BRIEFING FROM MAJOR VROMAN ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSES PROCESS AND THE CONCLUSIONS REPORTED IN THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. AFTER THESE BRIEFINGS, WE WILL PROCEED TO THE PUBLIC INPUT PORTION OF THE HEARING.

ELECTED OFFICIALS WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK FIRST AND THEY'LL BE FOLLOWED BY THE PUBLIC AT LARGE, WHOSE NAMES WILL BE CALLED RANDOMLY FROM THE CARDS HANDED IN.

NOW, IF YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE STANDING UP HERE TONIGHT IN MAKING A STATEMENT ORALLY, YOU HAVE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 24, 1990, TO SUBMIT A COPY OF A STATEMENT YOU WANT THE AIR FORCE TO CONSIDER. WRITTEN COMMENT SHEETS ARE PROVIDED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE AUDITORIUM FOR YOU TO USE IN PROVIDING THESE COMMENTS. IN FACT, EVEN IF YOU MAKE COMMENTS TONIGHT, IF YOU COME UP TO THE PODIUM AND MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU HAVE UNTIL THE 24TH OF SEPTEMBER TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE AIR FORCE REGIONAL CIVIL ENGINEER OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS PROVIDED.

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WHETHER A STATEMENT IS MADE VERBALLY TONIGHT, OR IT'S MADE IN WRITING AND GIVEN TONIGHT, OR SUBMITTED LATER BEFORE THE 24TH OF SEPTEMBER, EACH STATEMENT WILL HAVE THE SAME IMPACT AND WILL BE CONSIDERED TO THE SAME EXTENT, SO DON'T FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE TO SPEAK TONIGHT IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO WAIT AND SUBMIT SOMETHING IN WRITING BY THE 24TH OF SEPTEMBER. ON THE OTHER HAND, DON'T BE SHY OR HESITANT; IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A STATEMENT, YOU SHOULD DO SO.

I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK HAS A FAIR CHANCE TO BE HEARD, SO I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO PLEASE HELP ME ENFORCE THE FOLLOWING GROUND RULES.

FIRST, SPEAK ONLY AFTER I RECOGNIZE YOU AND PLEASE ADDRESS YOUR REMARKS TO ME.

SECOND, USE THE MICROPHONE. SPEAK CLEARLY AND SLOWLY, STARTING OUT WITH YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND CAPACITY IN WHICH YOU'RE APPEARING. FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU'RE A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, STATE THAT, IF YOU'RE DESIGNATED AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A GROUP, STATE THAT, OR WHETHER YOU'RE A PRIVATE PERSON, STATE THAT, SO THE COURT REPORTER CAN DO HER JOB PROPERLY.

THIRD, IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, ASK ONE AT A TIME AND I WILL ALLOW A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF QUESTIONS. BECAUSE OF THE TIME LIMIT ON STATEMENTS, PLEASE PRIORITIZE YOUR REMARKS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT OF YOUR

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STATEMENTS ARE ADDRESSED FIRST.

FOURTH, EACH PERSON WILL BE RECOGNIZED FOR FIVE MINUTES, FOR A MAXIMUM OF FIVE MINUTES. MANY OF YOU WON'T SPEAK FOR FIVE MINUTES, BUT YOU WILL BE PERMITTED FIVE MINUTES. IF YOU CHOOSE TO USE THE ENTIRE TIME -- AND THAT INCLUDES PUBLIC OFFICIALS, DESIGNATED SPOKESPERSONS, AND PRIVATE PERSONS -- THE TIMEKEEPER, IN ORDER TO HELP ME MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY CAN HAVE A CHANCE TO SPEAK TONIGHT -- IF THEY WANT TO -- THE TIMEKEEPER WILL RAISE A YELLOW CARD AFTER YOU HAVE USED FOUR AND-A-HALF MINUTES OF YOUR ALLOTTED TIME. AND THIS WILL BE YOUR CUE TO SUM UP YOUR COMMENTS. AND THEN HE WILL RAISE A RED CARD WHEN YOUR FIVE MINUTES IS UP.

AND FIFTH, PLEASE HONOR ANY REQUESTS FROM ME THAT YOU STOP SPEAKING WHEN YOUR TIME IS UP, OTHERWISE WE MIGHT NOT HAVE TIME TO HEAR FROM EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO BE HEARD.

SIXTH, PLEASE BE COURTEOUS AND DO NOT SPEAK WHILE SOMEONE ELSE IS SPEAKING. ONLY ONE PERSON WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT A TIME.

AND FINALLY, OUR HOSTS TONIGHT HAVE ASKED THAT YOU KINDLY REFRAIN FROM SMOKING IN THE AUDITORIUM.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION IN ADHERING TO ALL OF THESE RULES. I'LL MONITOR THE TIMES AND DO EVERYTHING WITHIN MY POWER TO SEE THAT EVERYONE THAT

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WANTS TO BE HEARD, IS HEARD.

AND WITH REGARD TO QUESTIONS, IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THERE WILL BE QUESTIONS THAT THE AIR FORCE REPRESENTATIVES ARE UNABLE TO ANSWER. AND THAT COULD OCCUR FOR EITHER OF TWO REASONS.

FIRST, EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE A GOOD DEAL OF EXPERTISE ASSEMBLED HERE, THEY WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS UNLESS THEY ARE CONFIDENT THAT THEY CAN ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS CONFIDENTLY.

SECOND, THERE MAY BE QUESTIONS THAT HAVE NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS, AND THESE MUST BE REVIEWED FURTHER BEFORE ANSWERS ARE PROVIDED TO YOU. IF THIS SHOULD OCCUR, AND IF THE QUESTION IS RELEVANT, THEN IT WILL BE ADDRESSED IN THE FINAL DOCUMENT, WHICH YOU MAY REQUEST A COPY OF.

AGAIN, THE OBJECTIVE TONIGHT IS TO LET EVERYBODY HAVE A CHANCE TO BE HEARD AND TO GIVE YOU SOME MEANINGFUL INFORMATION SO THAT YOU CAN ASK PERTINENT QUESTIONS AND GIVE US PERTINENT INPUT. OUR THING I CAN'T STRESS ENOUGH, YOU MAY HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS UNKNOWN TO US. WE ARE VERY INTERESTED IN HAVING AND ANALYZING ALL POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT FROM OUR PROPOSED ACTION. YOU HAVE THE EXPERIENCE THAT COMES FROM LIVING IN AN AREA OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME. SO THIS SECOND PART OF TONIGHT'S COMMUNICATION, THE PART THAT FLOWS

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FROM YOU TO US, IS IMPORTANT. SO DON'T HESITATE TO BE A PART OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

IF WE RUN OUT OF TIME BEFORE EVERYONE GETS TO SPEAK -- AND I PLAN TO CLOSE THIS HEARING AT 11 P.M. -- YOU'RE INVITED TO SUBMIT A STATEMENT IN WRITING EITHER TONIGHT OR AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE 24TH OF SEPTEMBER BY MAILING THEM TO THE AIR FORCE REGIONAL CIVIL ENGINEER OFFICE. AGAIN, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU READ YOUR STATEMENT ON THE RECORD TONIGHT OR YOU MAIL IT IN LATER, IT WILL BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD IN THESE PROCEEDINGS, AND IT WILL HAVE EQUAL WEIGHT AND RECEIVE THE SAME CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, WHETHER MADE DURING TONIGHT'S HEARING OR AFTERWARDS.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO TURNED OUT TONIGHT. YOUR PRESENCE IS COMMENDABLE IN THAT IT REFLECTS INTEREST IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND THOSE THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU. LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT YOUR INTEREST IS THE PRIMARY PURPOSE FOR US BEING HERE.

NOW IT IS MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE COLONEL BOGY, WHO WILL PRESENT THE PROPOSAL.

COLONEL PETER BOGY.

COLONEL BOGY: I'M COLONEL PETER BOGY. I'M THE ACTING CHIEF OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM AT HEADQUARTERS FOR THE AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND. WE ARE THE MAJOR COMMAND FOR SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AND WILL PRESENT

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THE PROPONENT'S POINT OF VIEW.

FIRST, I WILL GIVE YOU A LITTLE BACKGROUND AND THEN I WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ACTION, WHICH IS TO CLOSE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND RELOCATE SSD, INCLUDING BMO, TO ONE OF THE FOUR LOCATIONS. THEN I WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES, WHICH RANGE FROM RELOCATION OF PORTIONS OF THE SSD TO NO ACTION AT ALL. FINALLY, I WILL PRESENT THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT FOR A VARIETY OF STUDIES THAT MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE, WITH AN AREA OF 238 ACRES, IS LOCATED IN LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN AREA. THE BASE CONSISTS OF FIVE NONCONTIGUOUS SITES. AREA A AND B, IN THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO, THE LAWNDALE ANNEX, FORT MACARTHUR, PACIFIC CREST, AND PACIFIC HEIGHTS HOUSING AREAS.

LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE IS THE HOST BASE FOR AIR FORCE SYSTEM'S COMMAND SPACE DIVISION. AN INTEGRAL PART OF SSD IS A FEDERALLY FUNDED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER AEROSPACE CORPORATION. SSD PLANS, PROGRAMS, AND MANAGES AIR FORCE SYSTEM'S COMMAND PROGRAMS TO ACQUIRE SPACE SYSTEMS, SUBSYSTEMS, SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, AND RELATED HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE.

AMONG MANY OTHER CRITICAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE AIR FORCE SPACE PROGRAM, SSD ALSO CONDUCTS RESEARCH,

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EXPLORATORY DEVELOPMENT, AND ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT FUTURE SPACE MISSIONS. THE RECENT REALIGNMENT OF THE BALLISTIC SYSTEMS DIVISION PLACED MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE PROGRAMS AT SSD. THIS UNIT, NOW KNOWN AS BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION, HAS A DEDICATED SYSTEMS ENGINEERING/TECHNOLOGIES ASSISTANCE CONTRACTOR, SETA, WHO WOULD ALSO BE PART OF THE PROPOSED RELOCATION.

IN THE PROPOSED ACTION AND THE ALTERNATIVES SSD AND IT'S SUPPORTING UNITS, INCLUDING THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION, ARE REFERRED TO AS SSD LOS ANGELES. BMO AND ITS SUPPORTING UNIT, INCLUDING ITS SETA CONTRACTOR, ARE REFERRED TO AS SSD SAN BERNARDINO.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS RELOCATION EVALUATION, THREE FUNCTIONAL SUBGROUPS WITHIN SSD HAVE BEEN ISOLATED. THE SPACE SYSTEMS PROGRAM OFFICE, WHICH WE CALL THE SPO, THE ICBM SPOS, AND 'OTHER' SPO ACTIVITIES.

THE SPACE SPOS -- RESPONSIBLE FOR DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, ACQUISITION, TEST, AND LAUNCH -- INCLUDE 1240 MILITARY, 1190 CIVILIAN, 2590 AEROSPACE CORPORATION AND 190 SETA CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL.

THE 'OTHER' SPO ACTIVITIES AT SSD -- INCLUDING THE NIL-STAR JOINT PROGRAM OFFICE, OTHER ADVANCED AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS, THE FFROC LABORATORIES, SPACE CORPORATION, AND VARIOUS BASE OPERATING SUPPORT -- EMPLOY

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510 MILITARY, 250 DOD CIVILIANS, AND 1590 AEROSPACE CORPORATION PERSONNEL.

FINALLY, THE BMO ICBM SPO MANAGES BALLISTIC MISSILE SYSTEMS AND SUBSYSTEM ACQUISITION PROGRAMS. THIS SPO ALSO PERFORMS ALL OF THE ADVANCED STRATEGIC MISSILE TRI-SERVICE REQUIREMENTS AND HAS 660 MILITARY, 577 CIVILIAN, AND 1,300 SETA CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL.

THE BASIC PROPOSAL AND THE ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS ARE BASED ON A CONSTRUCTION AND RELOCATION SCHEDULE BEGINNING AT FISCAL YEAR 1993 AND CONTINUING TO FISCAL YEAR 1996. HOWEVER, DUE TO THE COMPLEXITY OF THE PROGRAM AND THE AVAILABLE RELOCATION RESOURCES, THE PERSONNEL AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULES COULD EXTEND BEYOND THAT TIME PERIOD.

THE PROPOSED ACTION IS THE TOTAL CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE, THE COMPLETE CLOSURE OF THE BMO FACILITIES IN SAN BERNARDINO AND THE RELOCATION OF SSD LOS ANGELES AND BMO SAN BERNARDINO TO ONE OF FOUR LOCATIONS.

SSD SUPPORT UNITS CURRENTLY AT LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND SAN BERNARDINO THAT DUPLICATE UNITS ALREADY AT THE DESTINATION INSTALLATIONS, OF COURSE, WOULD BE DEACTIVATED. THE CLOSURE OF SSD-LOS ANGELES FACILITIES WOULD INVOLVE APPROXIMATELY 1,760 MILITARY AND 6,385 CIVILIAN PERSONNEL. THERE ARE 5 TENANT UNITS, 42 PERSONNEL, THAT WOULD NOT MOVE WITH SSD AND WOULD RELOCATE

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WITHIN THE LOS ANGELES AREA.

THE CLOSURE OF SSD-SAN BERNARDINO FACILITIES WOULD INVOLVE APPROXIMATELY 660 MILITARY AND 1,870 CIVILIANS.

LET US LOOK FOR A MOMENT AT THE GEOGRAPHIC SETTING OF THE BASES UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR THE RELOCATION. VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE IN CALIFORNIA; MARCH AIR FORCE BASE; AND THEN IN COLORADO, PETER SEEN AND FALCON AIR FORCE BASES, AS ONE; OR KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE IN NEW MEXICO.

THE FIVE ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED ACTION ARE CONSIDERED IN THIS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. THE ALTERNATIVES ARE NUMBERED IN THE DOCUMENT AND IN THIS PRESENTATION. HOWEVER, THEIR ORDER SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED TO IMPLY ANY RANKING OR PRIORITIZATION OF THE ALTERNATIVES THEMSELVES.

GOING ON TO THE ALTERNATIVES, THE FIRST ALTERNATIVE IS SIMILAR TO THE BASIC PROPOSAL, BUT WHILE THE SSD-LOS ANGELES OPERATIONS WOULD BE RELOCATED TO ONE OF THE CANDIDATE LOCATIONS, THE SSD-SAN BERNARDINO OPERATIONS WOULD NOT MOVE.

THE SECOND ALTERNATIVE WOULD CLOSE AND RELOCATE PORTIONS OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE, THAT IS INCLUDING MOST OF AREA A, LAMBDALE ANNEX, AND THE MILITARY HOUSING AREAS, BUT WOULD NOT RELOCATE THE OTHER SPOS.

THE THIRD ALTERNATIVE WOULD CLOSE ONLY THE SMO FACILITIES IN SAN BERNARDINO AND RELOCATE SSD-SAN BERNARDINO TO ONE OF THE FOUR LOCATIONS.

THE FOURTH ALTERNATIVE CONSIDERS ONLY THE RELOCATION OF A THOUSAND PERSONNEL FROM SSD WITH NO ACTUAL FACILITY CLOSURE.

THE FIFTH ALTERNATIVE WOULD CLOSE ALL OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND RELOCATE SSD LOS ANGELES TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, BUT WOULD LEAVE THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION IMPACT AT EL SEGUNDO AND SSD SAN BERNARDINO IMPACT AT SAN BERNARDINO.

THE LAST ALTERNATIVE ADDRESSED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT IS NO ACTION. THE SSD LOS ANGELES AND SSD SAN BERNARDINO WOULD REMAIN IN THEIR EXISTING FACILITIES.

THE PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES 1, 2, 3, AND 5 ARE CONTINGENT UPON SPECIAL LEGISLATION PERMITTING THE AIR FORCE TO DISPOSE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY, AND THEN USE THE PROCEEDS OF THOSE SALES TO OFFSET THE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CLOSURE IN ALL THE ALTERNATIVES. AT THAT TIME, UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES, A CARETAKER FORCE WOULD BE EMPLOYED TO SECURE AND MAINTAIN THE PROPERTY.

THE UNITED STATES CODE TITLE 10, SECTION 2687, THE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ACT REQUIRED THAT

DOD STUDY THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL, LOCAL ECONOMIC, OPERATIONAL, STRATEGIC, FISCAL, BUDGETARY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED CLOSURE. THESE STUDIES ARE UNDERWAY NOW AND WILL BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS AS PART OF THE DECISION PACKAGE.

FIRST, THE LOCAL ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES STUDY WILL EXAMINE THE DIRECT PAYROLL LOSS OF THE EL SEGUNDO AND LOS ANGELES COMMUNITIES AND THE SECONDARY EFFECTS ON LOCAL BUSINESSES OCCASIONED BY THE LOSS OF MILITARY PERSONAL, DEPENDENTS, AND CIVILIANS. IN ADDITION, THE STUDY WILL FOCUS THE ON EFFECTS ON THE LOCAL REAL ESTATE MARKET AND INDUSTRIES THAT MAY MOVE BECAUSE OF THE RELOCATION OF SSD. ALSO, PROJECTED GROWTH IN THE COMMUNITY AND REUSE OF THE AFFECTED PROPERTY WILL BE CONSIDERED.

THE STRATEGIC STUDY WILL ADDRESS THE EFFECT OF REDUCING CONVENTIONAL, STRATEGIC, AND SPACE SYSTEMS AS THE THREAT TO NATIONAL SECURITY IS REDUCED.

THE OPERATIONAL STUDY WILL ADDRESS THE AFFECTS OF RELOCATING SSD, INCLUDING THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION. IF THE DECISION IS MADE TO CLOSE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND THE SMO FACILITIES AT NORTON, IT WILL EXAMINE ALL TENANT AND JOINT SERVICE MISSION CHANGES RESULTING FROM SUCH A CLOSURE AND RELOCATION DECISION.

THE NEXT STUDY, THE BUDGETARY STUDY, WILL DETERMINE CURRENT-YEAR PROGRAM DOLLAR COSTS AND SAVINGS

ASSOCIATED WITH THE RELOCATION OF SSD AND INACTIVATIONS OF OR RELOCATION OF ASSOCIATED OPERATIONAL AND SUPPORT UNITS.

THE FISCAL STUDY WILL USE THE BUDGET EVALUATION TO ANALYZE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE COSTS, AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RELOCATION OF SSD. COST OF CLOSING AND SAVINGS WILL BE DETAILED THROUGH A LIFE CYCLE COST MODEL.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

I WOULD LIKE NOW TO TURN THE MEETING BACK TO COLONEL MORRISON.

COLONEL MORRISON: WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO NOW IS TO PRESENT MAJOR MARY VRONAS FROM THE AIR FORCE REGIONAL CIVIL ENGINEER OFFICE AT NORTON AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA. MAJOR VRONAS WILL PRESENT AN OVERVIEW OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS PROCESS AND DISCUSS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE LOCAL ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES STUDY AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS PROCESS AND PRESENT RESULTS OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

MAJOR VRONAS: THANK YOU, SIR. GOOD EVENING. OUR ORGANIZATION IS CONDUCTING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS FOR THIS PROPOSAL AS WELL AS OTHER PROPOSED CLOSURES AND REALIGNMENTS ANNOUNCED BY THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ON JANUARY 29TH OF THIS YEAR.

TONIGHT I WILL PRESENT THE SCHEDULE FOR THIS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS PROCESS AND SHOW HOW THE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FITS INTO THIS SCHEDULE. I'LL ALSO DISCUSS THE SCOPE OF THE STUDY AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND THE LOCAL ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES STUDY. LAST, I WILL PRESENT THE RESULTS OF OUR ANALYSIS BY RESOURCE CATEGORY AND CONCLUDE WITH A SUMMARY OF THE POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS.

THIS EFFORT WAS INITIATED ON FEBRUARY 9, 1990, WITH THE PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER OF TWO NOTICES OF INTENT TO PREPARE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS. THE NOTICE INDICATED THAT LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE WOULD BE STUDIED FOR CLOSURE AND THAT SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AND APPROPRIATE SUPPORTING UNITS WOULD BE STUDIED FOR RELOCATION.

OUR DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ANALYSES BOTH THE CLOSURE AND RELOCATION ACTIONS. FOLLOWING THE NOTICE OF INTENT, SCOPING MEETINGS WERE HELD TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT ON THE SCOPE OF ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND TO IDENTIFY THE SIGNIFICANT ISSUES RELATED TO THE PROPOSED ACTION. THE SCOPING MEETING FOR LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE WAS HELD HERE AT EL SEGUNDO HIGH SCHOOL ON MARCH 14, 1990.

SUBSEQUENT TO SCOPING THE ISSUES FOR STUDY, WE COLLECTED THE NECESSARY DATA AND CONDUCTED THE ANALYSIS WHICH SUPPORTS THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ON AUGUST 3, 1990.

IN ADDITION TO TONIGHT'S PUBLIC HEARING, PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WILL ALSO BE HELD IN OTHER COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OR RELOCATION. PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR PROSPECTIVE RELOCATION BASES ARE SCHEDULED IN LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA FOR VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE; RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA FOR MARCH AIR FORCE BASE; COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO FOR PETERSON AND FALCON AIR FORCE BASES; AND ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO FOR KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE.

IN ADDITION, A PUBLIC HEARING IS ALSO SCHEDULED FOR SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA; THE HOST COMMUNITY FOR THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION, A UNIT OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION INCLUDED IN THE RELOCATION PROPOSAL.

WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 24, 1990. AFTER THAT COMMENT PERIOD IS OVER, WE WILL EVALUATE ALL COMMENTS, BOTH WRITTEN AND ORAL, AND PERFORM ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS OR CHANGE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WHERE NECESSARY. AGAIN, AS IN THE SCOPING PROCESS, EQUAL CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL COMMENTS, WHETHER WRITTEN OR ORAL.

ONCE THE PROCESS IS COMPLETE, WE WILL PROCESS A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, WHICH IS SCHEDULED

FOR COMPLETION IN EARLY DECEMBER 1990. THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WILL BE MAILED TO ALL THOSE ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT DISTRIBUTION LIST. THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WILL INCLUDE COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD AND OUR RESPONSES TO THOSE COMMENTS.

IF APPROPRIATE, WE WILL GROUP COMMENTS INTO CATEGORIES AND RESPOND ACCORDINGLY. DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER AND DIVERSITY OF COMMENTS OR THE NEED TO CONDUCT ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS. THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT MAY CONSIST OF A COVER LETTER AND ERRATA SHEETS, A SEPARATE VOLUME AS A COMPANION TO THE DRAFT, OR BE AN ENTIRELY NEW DOCUMENT. THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WILL SERVE AS INPUT FOR THE RECORD OF DECISION WHICH WILL DOCUMENT THE DECISION BY THE AIR FORCE.

OTHER STUDIES, AS DESCRIBED EARLIER BY COLONEL BODY, AND CONSIDERATION OF OTHER ISSUES BESIDES THOSE ADDRESSED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT OR THE OTHER 2687 STUDIES WILL ENTER INTO THE FINAL DECISION OF WHETHER OR NOT TO PROCEED WITH THIS PROPOSAL. WE EXPECT TO ACCOMPLISH THE RECORD OF DECISION IN EARLY JANUARY 1991.

THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WAS PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT AND THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

REGULATIONS. EFFORTS WERE MADE TO REDUCE NEEDLESS BULK, WRITE IN PLAIN LANGUAGE, FOCUS ON ONLY THOSE ISSUES WHICH ARE CLEARLY RELATED TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL, AND TO INTEGRATE WITH OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRED AS PART OF THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS.

THE DOCUMENT FOCUSES ON IMPACTS TO THE NATURAL AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTAL WHICH MAY OCCUR AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE BASE CLOSURE OR RELOCATION ACTIONS. IMPACTS WHICH INDIRECTLY THROUGH CHANGES IN THE COMMUNITY OR IN HANDLING OF THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND WASTES. THE DOCUMENT ALSO EVALUATES GEOLOGY AND SOILS; WATER, BOTH SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER; AIR QUALITY; NOISE; BIOLOGICAL; AND CULTURAL RESOURCES.

INDIRECT CHANGES TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES THAT PROVIDED MEASURES AGAINST WHICH ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS COULD BE ANALYSED INCLUDED CHANGES TO POPULATION, LAND USE AND AESTHETICS, TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMUNITY UTILITY SERVICES.

IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING ISSUES RELATED TO CURRENT AND FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND WASTE ARE DISCUSSED IN THE DOCUMENT: HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT, HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT, THE INSTALLATION AND RESTORATION PROGRAM, ASBESTOS, POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS OR PCB'S, RADON, RADIOACTIVE WASTE, AND ORDINANCE.

IF IT WAS DETERMINED THAT SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS WOULD OCCUR BECAUSE OF BASE LOCATION OR THE RELOCATION ACTION, POTENTIAL MITIGATION MEASURES WERE IDENTIFIED AND ARE INCLUDED IN THE DOCUMENT.

AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, THIS DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOCUSES ON IMPACTS TO THE NATURE AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTAL BROUGHT ABOUT, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, BY THE POTENTIAL CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. THE DOCUMENT ADDRESSES SOCIOECONOMIC IMPACTS OF BASE CLOSURE OR RELOCATION ONLY IF THEY RESULT IN IMPACTS TO THE NATURAL AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTAL.

EARLIER COLONEL BOGY DESCRIBED THE OTHER RELATED STUDIES BEING CONDUCTED AS PART OF THE BASE CLOSURE PROCESS. AMONG THEM WAS A LOCAL ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES STUDY WHICH DESCRIBES IN GREATER DETAIL HOW BASE CLOSURE MAY AFFECT SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. SPECIFICALLY, THAT STUDY ADDRESSES THE FOLLOWING: DIRECT PAYROLL LOSS TO THE IMMEDIATE COMMUNITY, AND SECONDARY PAYROLL IMPACT ON LOCAL BUSINESSES CAUSED BY THE LOSS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL, DEPENDENTS, AND CIVILIAN WORK FORCE. THE EFFECTS ON THE LOCAL REAL ESTATE MARKET AND SCHOOLS FROM A LOSS OF PERSONNEL, LOCALE PROJECTED GROWTH IN THE COMMUNITY, AND THE POTENTIAL FOR REUSE -- BOTH INTERIM AND LONG-TERM.

IF DATA IS AVAILABLE, LOSSES TO OTHER LOCAL INDUSTRIES THAT DEPEND ON THE BASE ARE ALSO DISCUSSED. OUR

ORGANIZATIONS IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING THAT STUDY. I DO KNOW, HOWEVER THAT A DRAFT OF THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND COPIES PROVIDED TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, KEY STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS, AND STATE SINGLE POINTS OF CONTACTS FOR THEIR REVIEW AND CONSULTATION.

THREE WEEKS AGO THE AIR FORCE MET WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS IN THE SOUTH BAY AND LOS ANGELES AREAS TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THIS DRAFT STUDY AND TO GATHER ADDITIONAL DATA.

THIS STUDY WILL BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS IN JANUARY 1991, IN TIME TO MEET THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 1992 BUDGET SUBMITTAL.

I WOULD NOW LIKE TO DISCUSS THE RESULTS REPORTED IN THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

LET ME SUMMARIZE BY STATING THAT THE AFFECTS TO THE NATURE AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSAL ARE GENERALLY POSITIVE. THE DOCUMENT CONCLUDED THERE WOULD BE CHANGES TO COMMUNITIES THAT COULD AFFECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND THAT POSITIVE AFFECTS WOULD BE REALIZED IN THE AREAS OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND WASTE MANAGEMENT.

FULL BASE CLOSURE UNDER THE PROPOSED ACTION WOULD CAUSE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN COMMUNITIES SURROUNDING LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE:

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE CLOSURE OF LOS

ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE BY THE END OF 1996 WOULD RESULT IN A REDUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY $480 MILLION IN TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME AND ABOUT ONE AND A QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS IN TOTAL LOCAL SPENDING ANNUALLY. THESE CHANGES ARE EXPECTED TO RESULT IN THE LOSS OF APPROXIMATELY 17,000 JOBS. THIS INCLUDES BOTH DIRECT AND INDIRECT EMPLOYMENT. TOTAL EXPECTED POPULATION OUT MIGRATION WOULD BE AROUND 23,000.

LOCAL LAND USE PATTERNS AND ZONING POLICIES WOULD NOT CHANGE DUE TO THE CLOSURE ACTION. LAND USE CHANGES COULD OCCUR IN THE FUTURE IN THE CONTEXT OF REUSE AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS IF THE BASE WERE CLOSED.

CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE IS NOT EXPECTED TO HAVE ANY AFFECT ON AESTHETICS. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS WOULD BE MINIMALLY MAINTAINED WITHIN A SECURED BOUNDARY UNTIL FINAL DISPOSITION IS DECIDED.

VEHICLE TRAFFIC IN THE VICINITY OF THE BASE GATES WOULD DECREASE, PARTICULARLY DURING PEAK TRAFFIC HOURS. HOWEVER WHILE DECREASING CONGESTION IN THE AREA SOMEWHAT, THESE DECREASES WOULD NOT NOTICEABLY IMPROVE THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC ON AREA STREETS. THE REDUCTION IN TRAFFIC WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO A SLIGHT REDUCTION IN NOISE LEVELS AND A SLIGHT REDUCTION OF AIR POLLUTION EMISSIONS ON AND NEAR THE BASE.

THE CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE WOULD ALSO DECREASE LOCAL DEMAND FOR POTABLE WATER, WASTE

WATER TREATMENT, NATURAL GAS, ELECTRICITY, AND SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL. HOWEVER, UTILITY DEMAND ATTRIBUTABLE TO LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND ITS EMPLOYEES REPRESENTS A VERY SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL UTILITY DEMAND IN THE REGION.

IN THE AREA OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND WASTE, THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT MADE TWO GENERAL FINDINGS. THE FIRST FINDING DEALS WITH THE INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM, OR IRP, WHICH IS THE AIR FORCE'S PROGRAM TO IDENTIFY AND REMEDIATE PREVIOUSLY CONTAMINATED HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES. THE IRP IS INDEPENDENT OF BASE CLOSURE AND WILL CONTINUE UNAFFECTED. TEN IRP SITES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AT LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE, BASE. THREE AT AREA A, FOUR AT AREA B, ONE AT THE LAWNDALE ANNEX, AND TWO AT FORT MACARTHUR. REMEDIAL ACTION IS PLANNED FOR THE MAJORITY OF THESE SITES IN FISCIAL YEAR 1991.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT DESCRIBES PROGRESS MADE TO DATE TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF CONTAMINATION AT LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND DISCUSSES REMEDIAL ACTIONS UNDER TAKEN OR CURRENTLY UNDERWAY. I WANT TO EMPHASIS THAT THE AIR FORCE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING UP ALL AREAS CONTAMINATED BY PAST AIR FORCE ACTIVITIES, AND WOULD CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSIBLE IF THE BASE WERE CLOSED.

NEVERTHELESS, WE DO NOT EXPECT ANY STUDIES OR

CLEAN UP ACTIVITIES TO DELAY THE CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE, SHOULD THAT DECISION BE MADE.

SECOND, BASE CLOSURE WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE THE QUANTITIES OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS STORED AND USED, AND THE QUANTITIES OF HAZARDOUS WASTE GENERATED BY THE BASE, AND THE POTENTIAL FOR SPILLS AND ACCIDENTS. AT THE TIME OF BASE CLOSURE, ALL UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS AT THE BASE WOULD HAVE ALREADY BE BEEN REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH ABOVE GROUND TANKS OR NEW UNDERGROUND TANKS MEETING THE PLANNED STORAGE TANK REQUIREMENTS. AT CLOSURE, ALL TANKS WOULD BE TAKEN OUT OF SERVICE, DRAINED, AND MAINTAINED IN CARETAKER STATUS UNTIL FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE BASE.

LET ME RESTATE ONCE MORE THAT THE INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM IS SEPARATE FROM THE BASE CLOSURE ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS. THE AIR FORCE IS COMMITTED TO CLEANING WERE HAZARDOOS WASTE SITES RESULTING FROM PAST PRACTICES, AND THE IRP ARE CONTINUE, WHETHER OR NOT THE DECISION IS MADE TO PROCEED WITH THE PROPOSAL TO CLOSE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE.

IMPACTS TO THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

WE EXPECT NO IMPACT ON BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES UNDERLYING THE BASE. ALSO, THE POTENTIAL FOR CONTAMINATION FROM SPILLS OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS WILL BE REDUCED.

POSITIVE IMPACTS ON SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER ON BASE ARE EXPECTED DUE TO REDUCTION OF THE POTENTIAL OF CONTAMINATION FROM SPILLS AND RUNOFF.

THE CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE WOULD RESULT IN A REDUCTION IN AIR POLLUTANT EMISSIONS IN THE AREA. HOWEVER, THE STATIONARY AND MOBILE SOURCE EMISSIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OPERATIONS OF THE BASE AND THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION FACILITIES CONTRIBUTE FAR LESS THAN ONE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL EMISSIONS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CONSEQUENTLY THE IMPROVEMENT IN AIR QUALITY WOULD NOT BE NOTICEABLE.

THERE WOULD BE SOME REDUCTION IN TRAFFIC NOISE.

THERE WOULD ALSO BE NO -- THERE WOULD, HOWEVER, BE NO ADVERSE IMPACTS TO BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES AS A RESULT OF BASE CLOSURE.

NO IMPACTS TO CULTURAL RESOURCES ARE EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF THE CLOSURE. THE NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT AT FORT MACARTHUR AND THE TRONA PLANT, A NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBLE SITE AT FORT MACARTHUR, WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED BY BASE CLOSURE. THEY WOULD BE MAINTAINED IN THEIR PRESENT CONDITION DURING CARETAKER STATUS.

THE ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS, AS DESCRIBED EARLIER BY COL. BOGY, GENERALLY INVOLVE PARTIAL CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE, OR, IN SOME CASES, SUCH AS

ALTERNATIVE 3 AND THE NO-ACTION ALTERNATIVE, NO CHANGE IN OPERATIONS HERE AT THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AT ALL.

IN GENERAL, THESE ALTERNATIVES WOULD RESULT IN CHANGES TO THE ENVIRONMENT THAT ARE SIMILAR TO OR LESS THAN THE CHANGES ASSOCIATED WITH THE FULL CLOSURE ACTION WHICH IS WHAT WE HAVE JUST DISCUSSED. FOR INSTANCE, THE DECREASES IN HAZARDOUS WASTE GENERATION AND HAZARDOOS MATERIALS USAGE, LOCAL VEHICLE TRAFFIC AND ASSOCIATED AIR EMISSIONS AND NOISE, AND THE DECREASES IN UTILITY USAGE WOULD ALL BE EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN THE DECREASES EXPECTED UPPER THE PROPOSED ACTION.

FOR THE PARTIAL CLOSURE DISCUSSED UNDER ALTERNATIVES 2, 3, AND 4, FORT MACARTHUR WOULD REMAIN OPEN. THEREFORE, THE HISTORIC DISTRICT AND THE TRONA PLANT WOULD REMAIN UNDER AIR FORCE CONTROL AND PRESENT USES WOULD CONTINUE.

IN CLOSING, LET ME REMIND YOU THAT THE STUDY IS IN A DRAFT STAGE. OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE AIR FORCE DECISION MAKERS WITH ACCURATE INFORMATION TO THE ENVIRONMENT CONSEQUENCES OF THIS PROPOSAL. TO DO THIS, TONIGHT WE ARE SOLICITING YOUR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. THIS INFORMATION, COUPLED WITH THE OTHER STUDIES DISCUSSED BY COLONEL BOGY, WILL SUPPORT INFORMED AIR FORCE DECISION MAKING.

THANK YOU.

COLONEL MORRISON: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO NOW IS WE'RE GOING TO MOVE INTO THE MAIN PORTION OF THE MEETING WHICH IS THE PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD.

I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU HAVE A COUPLE OF POINTS; PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO FIVE MINUTES SO THAT EVERYBODY CAN BE HEARD. ALSO, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU STATE YOUR NAME CLEARLY FOR THE RECORD BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR STATEMENT.

IF YOU HAVE BROUGHT A PREPARED STATEMENT WITH YOU, YOU MAY TURN IT IN, YOU MAY READ IT OUT LOUD, OR YOU MAY DO BOTH. WRITTEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS WILL BECOME PART OF THE HEARING RECORD AND EQUAL CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO YOUR COMMENTS, WHETHER YOU SPEAK TONIGHT OR PROVIDE WRITTEN COMMENTS. IF YOU TURN IN WRITTEN COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS, PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON THEM.

AGAIN, THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO SOLICIT INPUT FROM PUBLIC AGENCIES, PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. THE AIR FORCE REPRESENTATIVES GATHERED HERE THIS EVENING ARE NOT DECISION MAKERS ON THIS PROPOSED ACTION. THEY HAVE PROVIDED YOU INFORMATION ON THE PROCESS AND ARE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ON THE PROJECT. HOWEVER, THEY CAN'T ENTER INTO ANY DEBATES ON THE PROS AND CONS OF THE PROPOSED ACTION.

ALSO REMEMBER, THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO SOLICIT INPUT ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, SO PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO THE ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSALS.

TO AVOID REPETITION AND ENSURE EVERYTHING EVERYONE HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT REPETITIVE STATEMENTS BE AVOIDED. IF YOU AGREE WITH THE COMMENTS OF AN EARLIER SPEAKER, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOU SIMPLY SO INDICATE.

WE WILL NOW BEGIN WITH THE COMMENT PERIOD, AND OUR FIRST SPEAKER WILL BE MR. CARL JACOBSON, THE MAYOR OF EL SEGUNDO.

MR. JACOBSON, YOU MAY TAKE ONE OF THE MICROPHONES.

MR. JACOBSON: GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS CARL JACOBSON. (350 MAIN STREET, EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA, 90245.) I AM THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO. THE CITY HAS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED ITS FORMAL WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT IN A LETTER DATED AUGUST 21, 1990.

I APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SUMMARIZE SOME OF OUR COMMENTS ON THAT DOCUMENT. HOUSING COSTS AND COMMUTING TIMES ARE THE PRIMARY REASONS GIVEN IN THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR CLOSURE OF THE AIR FORCE BASE. AS I WILL DEMONSTRATE IN A FEW MOMENTS, THE

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SOUTH BAY CITIES ARE COMMITTED TO RESOLVING THESE ISSUES TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE AIR FORCE.

IN ADDITION, SOME OF THE POTENTIAL RELOCATION SITES DISCUSSED IN THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT CURRENTLY HAVE SUFFICIENT HOUSING. IT MAKES MORE SENSE TO BUILD THAT HOUSING HERE THAT TO SPEND HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS TO RELOCATE THE BASE AND STILL HAVE THE SAME HOUSING NEEDS.

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THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT INDICATES THAT SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS WOULD RESULT FROM MOVING THE BASE TO ANY OF THE PROPOSED RELOCATION SITES. AS A LONG STANDING MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY, THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE AIR FORCE BASE HAVE ALREADY BEEN CONSIDERED ADS PART OF OUR BASE LIFE CONDITIONS. TO CREATE SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENT IMPACTS WHERE NONE EXIST NOW ALSO MAKES LITTLE SENSE. THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FAILS TO ADDRESS FUTURE POTENTIAL REUSE OF THE SITE.

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THE CONCLUSION, THEREFORE, THAT THE CLOSURE OF THE BASE WILL HAVE AN INSIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENT IMPACT IS MISLEADING. THE INCONSISTENT ZONING AND GENERAL PLAN DESTINATIONS OF THESE SITES A AFFORDS A FURTHERANCE OF THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRY USES. GIVEN THE LARGE ACREAGE OF THE CITES, THEIR CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE FREEWAY ACCESS, MARKET CONDITIONS, AND LAND COST, THE FUTURE USE OF THESE

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SITES LIKELY WILL RESULT IN USES THAT ARE FAR MORE INTENSIVE THAN THE EXISTING AIR FORCE BASE.

THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO IS LIKELY TO BE FACED WITH SIGNIFICANT FUTURE IMPACTS RELATED TO TRAFFIC, PUBLIC SERVICES, AIR QUALITY, AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE. POTENTIAL REUSE OF THE SITE MUST BE ANALYSED AND INCORPORATED INTO ANY DISCUSSION OF BASE CLOSURE, WITHOUT THIS ANALYSES, WE BELIEVE THAT THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ARE INACCURATE.

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FINALLY, WE FIND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT TO BE LIMITED IN SCOPE AND THEREFORE INCOMPLETE. SPECIFICALLY, THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT INDICATES THAT THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS AND THE POTENTIAL REUSE IMPACTS WILL BE ADDRESSED UNDER SEPARATE STUDIES. WE BELIEVE THIS RESULTS IN A FRAGMENTED PROCESS AND DOWNPLAYS THE TOTAL SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS THAT WILL RESULT TO THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO AND COMMUNITIES. WE STRONGLY URGE THAT THE PROCESS BE CONSOLIDATED TO ALLOW FOR A MORE COMPREHENSIVE AND COMPLETE PICTURE OF THE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT THAT WILL BE EXPERIENCED.

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IN CONCLUSION, I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO RELOCATION OF THE AIR FORCE BASE. THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FAILS TO TAKE A COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT THE INTER-RELATION, SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENT, AND ECONOMIC IMPACT THAT THE

RELOCATION WILL HAVE NOT ONLY ON THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO, BUT WITHIN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY THE LOS ANGELES BASE AND SOUTH BAY AREA. THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO DOES NOT STAND ALONE IN IT'S POSITION.

THIS EVENING WE WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE SOUTH BAY CITIES ASSOCIATION MADE UP OF THE 16 CITIES STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE RETENTION OF THE AIR FORCE AND COMMITTING TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE AIR FORCE INCLUDING HOUSING, A LETTER SIGNED BY 17 OF OUR FEDERAL LEGISLATORS SUPPORTING RETENTION OF THE AIR FORCE BASE, A LETTER CONVEYING SUPPORT FROM THE SOUTH BAY ASSOCIATION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND LOS ANGELES AIR AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, A COPY OF THE MOTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISOR DEAN AND SUPPORTED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTING THE CLOSURE OR RELOCATION, AND FINALLY COPIES OF RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS INDIVIDUAL CITIES, INCLUDING A COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE EL SEGUNDO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND WE RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT THAT WE RECEIVE A COPY OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

COLONEL MORRISON: PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH BAY CITIES SOCIETY, JACKI BACHARACH. THANK YOU, MAYOR JACOBS.

MS. BACHARACH: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NAME IS

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JACKI BACHARACH AND MY ADDRESS IS 5033 ROCK VALLEY ROAD IN RANCHO PALOS VERDES (CALIFORNIA, 90274). I AM A COUNCILWOMAN IN THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO, BUT TONIGHT I'M HERE AS PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH BAY CITIES ASSOCIATION.

THE SOUTH BAY CITIES ASSOCIATION IS COMPRISED OF 16 CITIES, AND WE EXTEND FROM THE INGLEWOOD AREA UP TO THE HARBOR, FROM THE SAN DIEGO FREEWAY TO THE COAST LINE. THERE ARE 16 OF US, AND I AM HERE TONIGHT TO REINFORCE THE ACTION THAT WE TOOK LAST WEEK, WHICH WAS A UNANIMOUS SUPPORT TO WORK WITH THE AFFECTED AGENCIES TO KEEP THE AIR FORCE BASE IN EL SEGUNDO. 15.2

WE AREN'T JUST THE RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR IS PRESENTING TO YOU INCLUDES OUR RESOLUTION WE'RE JUST NOT CONCERNED WITH THE RESIDENTS AND GIVING YOU A BLANKET STATEMENT OF SUPPORT. WE'RE GIVING YOU A HARD COMMITMENT THAT WE WILL WORK WITH THE AIR FORCE TO KEEP THE BASE HERE. WE HAVE OUR PAST EXPERIENCE AND OUR CURRENT EFFORTS THAT WE CAN CITE.

IN THE PAST, NINE CITIES IN THE SOUTH BAY HAVE GOTTEN TOGETHER AND PROVIDED COMMUTER BUS SERVICE THAT SERVICES THE SAN PEDRO AREA, YOUR AIR FORCE BASE HOUSING IN SAN PEDRO, AND BRINGS YOUR EMPLOYEES OUT TO EL SEGUNDO. WE STARTED IN APRIL AND WE'RE CARRYING OVER A THOUSAND RIDERS A WEEK ON JUST THAT LINE. WE'RE LOOKING AT EXPANDING OUR FACILITIES SO WE CAN ACTUALLY TRANSPORT MORE OF YOUR 6.3

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COMMUTERS. THAT'S WHAT WE ARE CURRENTLY DOING.

NOW WE'RE LOOKING TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR HOUSING NEEDS. WE HAVE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH BAY, SPECIFICALLY HAWTHORNE, THAT'S ACTUALLY LOCATED WHERE THEY THINK THEY CAN AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I AM HERE TO TELL YOU TONIGHT THAT WE STAND NEAR AS 16 SOUTH BAY CITIES TO WORK WITH YOU ON WHAT NEEDS ARE FOR THE AIR FORCE BASE, TO SEE IF WE CAN PROVIDE THEM, AND SEE IF WE CAN ALL WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP THE AIR FORCE BASE IN EL SEGUNDO. 6.3 4.3

THANK YOU.

COLONEL MORRISON: THANK YOU. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MICHAEL WOOTTON, AND HE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ELNY BERMEJO. I APOLOGIZE IF I CRUCIFY ANYBODY'S NAME.

THANK YOU.

MR. WOOTTON: COLONEL AND MEMBERS OF THE HEARING, I'M MICHAEL WOOTTON (NO ADDRESS GIVEN), STATE DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA STAFF OF THE U.S. SENATOR PETE WILSON. I APPRECIATE VERY MUCH THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT A STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF SENATOR WILSON BEFORE THE HEARING PANEL THIS EVENING.

SENATOR WILSON'S LETTER OF JUNE OF 26TH TO THE HONORABLE DONALD B. RICE SECOND OF THE AIR FORCE OUTLINES THE SENATOR'S VIEWS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED RELOCATION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AND THE CLOSURE OF L.A. AIR FORCE BASE.

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I WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE A COPY OF THAT LETTER FOR YOUR REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION TONIGHT, AND I'M GOING TO INCLUDE THAT MATERIAL I'VE SUBMITTED TO YOU.

IN THE INTEREST OF THE HEARING PANEL'S TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE SENATOR'S VIEWS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED RELOCATION.

SIMPLY STATED, SENATOR WILSON IS VERY SKEPTICAL AND DOUBTFUL THAT ANY SUBSTANTIAL BUDGETARY BENEFIT AND TAXPAYER COST SAVINGS CAN BE EFFECTED AND DEMONSTRATED BY ANY RELOCATION. AS SENATOR WILSON NOTES IN HIS LETTER TO SENATOR RICE, BECAUSE THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT MUST STRUGGLE WITH THE TASK OF ELIMINATING MAJOR WEAPON SYSTEMS, AS WELL AS PERSONNEL, MAKES THE EXPENDITURE OF TIME AND MONEY TO UNDERTAKE A MAJOR RELOCATION OF SSD WOULD BE LUDICROUS. CONGRESS WOULD SERIOUSLY QUESTION THE ABILITY OF THE AIR FORCE TO ESTABLISH SPENDING PRIORITIES THAT WILL ADVANCE U.S. SECURITY INTERESTS OVER THE NEXT DECADE. AND IT PROPOSES TO UP-ROOT THE HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED MANPOWER AND R&D IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATED WITH SSD. THE AIR FORCE COST ESTIMATE TO REMOVE SSD FROM CALIFORNIA, FOR EXAMPLE, APPROACHES 40 PERCENT OF THE COST OF F-119 PEACE KEEPER MISSILE. IT ALSO FAR EXCEEDS THE FLY AWAY COSTS FOR ONE B-2 BOMBER. AS WELL AS THE PRICE OF F-15 OR F-16'S, AND COULD CLAIM 20 PERCENT OF THE BUDGET FOR THE STRATEGIC DEFENSE MISSILES FOR THE 1.1

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NORTON AIR FORCE BASE. COMPELLING REASONS CONTRAINDICATES TO TRANSFER SSD OUT OF ITS PRESENT REGION.

FOR YEARS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HAS PROVIDED THE OPTIMAL MIX OF A MILITARY RESOURCES AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR AEROSPACE ASSISTANCE TO THE DIVISION THAT NO OTHER STATE CAN EASILY DUPLICATE.

IT IS THE SENATOR'S VIEW THAT THE COSTS INCIDENTARY TO RELOCATION WOULD NOSE THEM OFF-SET ANY PROJECTED COST SAVINGS THAT COULD BE CALCULATED BY AIR FORCE ANALYSTS. SENATOR WILSON BELIEVES THE GREATER THE PROPOSED DISTANCE OF RELOCATION, THE GREATER OF COST.

SIMILARLY, THE GREATER THE DISTANCE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION IS REMOVED FROM ITS PRESENT CONFIGURATION AND ITS IMMEDIATE PROXIMITY TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AEROSPACE INDUSTRIAL BASE, THE MORE LIKELY THE DISMANTLEMENT OF ITS ABILITIES TO READILY ACHIEVE MISSION OBJECTIVES WHICH ARE SO DEPENDENT ON THAT BASE, DISSIPATES ALL OF THIS SHOULD THE AIR FORCE CONCLUDE THAT THE RELOCATION SHOULD BE UNDER TAKEN SENATOR WILSON FROM HIS VIEW POINT ON THE SENATE COMMITTEE WOULD VIEW THAT BUDGETARY POLICY AND LOGISTICAL ANALYSIS VERY CRITICALLY.

I APPRECIATE THE TIME THAT YOU'VE ALLOWED ME HERE THIS EVENING.

COLONEL MORRISON: THANK YOU. THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE AN ELNY BERMEJO.

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MR. BERNEJO: GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS ELMY BERNEJO (5250 WEST CENTURY BOULEVARD, #447, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90035). I'M THE ADMINISTRATOR TO CONGRESSMAN MEL LEVINE. HE DEEPLY REGRETS NOT BEING ABLE TO BE HERE FOR THE HEARING TONIGHT. IN HIS ABSENCE HE ASKED THAT I READ THIS STATEMENT.

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GOOD EVENING. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY CONTINUED OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED RELOCATION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AT LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE. COST REDUCTIONS ARE AND SHOULD BE THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE AS THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS BASE CLOSURES AND RESPONSE TO THE CHANGING MILITARY CLIMATE.

EARLIER THIS YEAR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE RELEASED A LIST OF BASES WHICH WOULD BE STUDIED FOR CLOSURE, WITHOUT DEPOSING NEW PLANS FOR U.S. DEFENSE STRATEGY AND FORCE STRUCTURE TO RESPOND TO CHANGING NATIONAL SECURITY NEEDS. THIS LACK OF STRUCTURE FOR THOUGHT SPEAKS PARTICULARLY IN A PROPOSAL TO CLOSE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND MOVE SPACE DIVISIONS ELSEWHERE. THE AIR FORCE TODAY READILY AGREES THAT SSD WILL LIKELY GROW AND BE MORE CRITICAL TO U.S. DEFENSE STRATEGY THAN EVER BEFORE IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

THE PRESENT LOCATION OF SPACE DIVISION IN THE HEART OF THE AMERICA'S AEROSPACE INDUSTRY IS IN MANY WAYS IDEALLY SUITED AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL FOR INDUSTRY AND

SSD. PERHAPS OTHER BASES ON THE PROPOSED CLOSURE LIST THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AS OBVIOUSLY NOT AT BASE THAT HAS REACHED THE END OF IT'S USEFUL LIFE SPAN, AND MOVING SSD MAKES NO SENSE FROM A STRATEGIC STANDPOINT. IT MAKES EVEN LESS SENSE FROM A ECONOMIC STANDPOINT. THE COST TO RELOCATE SSD AND AEROSPACE CORPORATION COULD CONCEIVABLY RUN WELL OVER A BILLION DOLLARS, AND I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY STUDIES WHICH SHOW HOW THE U.S. TAXPAYER WILL RECOVER THESE COSTS BY SAVINGS ELSEWHERE IF SSD IS RELOCATED.

DURING THE 1988 ROUND BASE CLOSURES THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE INSTRUCTED THE BASE CLOSURE COMMISSION NOT TO CLOSE BASES UNLESS THE COST OF CLOSURES WERE JUDGED TO BE RECOUPABLE WITHIN SIX YEARS. I SERIOUSLY QUESTION WHETHER EVEN THIS MODEST STANDARD CAN BE MET IN THE CASE OF THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE. IN CLOSING THIS BASE IT SEEMS WE WILL LOSE A LOT MORE MONEY THAT WE WILL SAVE. THE AIR FORCE HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND LAB IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA.

PRESENTLY, EL SEGUNDO, HAWTHORNE, AND OTHER SOUTH BAY CITIES ARE EXPLORING WAYS TO AMELIORATE THESE COSTS. AND I AM PLEASED MANY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THESE LOCALITIES ARE PLANNING TO MAKE PRESENTATIONS THIS EVENING ABOUT THIS MATTER. WHILE THESE ARE SERIOUS CONCERNS, PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE IN GOVERNMENT PAYROLL, THEY DO NOT

BY THEMSELVES JUSTIFY THE ENORMOUS EXPENDITURE OF RELOCATION OF SSD WOULD ENTAIL.

THE MEMBERS OF THIS COMMUNITY WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH THE AIR FORCE TO RESOLVE THE DIFFICULTIES FACED BY BASE EMPLOYEES, AND TO WORK OUT ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS TO THESE CONCERNS. THIS IS THE MOST WISE AND COST EFFECTIVE OPTION FOR THE COMMUNITY FOR THE AIR FORCE AND FOR THE NATION.

I STRONGLY URGE THE AIR FORCE TO MAKE ITS RECOMMENDATION IN FAVOR OF KEEPING SPACE DIVISION AT LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE.

THANK YOU.

COLONEL MORRISON: THANK YOU. THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE JANET TURNER, FOLLOWED BY GEORGE WILEY.

MS. TURNER: MY NAME IS JANET TURNER (1121 L STREET, SUITE 600, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95814). I'M THE DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF THE COMMERCE. I'M HERE TONIGHT TO REPRESENT OF THE VIEWS OF GOVERNMENT DEUKMEJIAN, SPECIFICALLY HIS

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STRONG CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND HIS STRONG SUPPORT THAT THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION MUST REMAIN IN CALIFORNIA.

THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT UNDERSTATES THE TREMENDOUS NEGATIVE IMPACT ON CALIFORNIA BY THE LOSS OF THIS SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION, BOTH ON OUR

ECONOMY AND ON OUR ENVIRONMENT. CALIFORNIA STANDS TO BE IMPACTED MORE THAN ANY OTHER STATE BY REDUCTIONS IN DEFENSE SPENDING. THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN ANNOUNCEMENTS TO CLOSE SIX MILITARY BASES AND 11 MORE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED. IN ADDITION, MANY LARGE DEFENSE CONTRACTORS HAVE ANNOUNCED MAJOR LAYOFFS AT THEIR CALIFORNIA PLANTS DUE TO REDUCTIONS IN DEFENSE SYSTEMS ACQUISITIONS. THESE PRIVATE SECTOR LAYOFFS TO DATE HAVE AFFECTED AS MUCH AS 20,000 WORKERS. ANY DISCUSSION OF THE IMPACT OF THE RELOCATION OF THE SPACE IS SYSTEMS DIVISION MUST BE MADE WITH THIS ALREADY HEAVY BURDEN FIRMLY IN MIND.

ADDITIONALLY, MUCH OF THE DIVISION'S OPERATIONS ARE IN COOPERATION WITH PRIVATE COMPANIES IN THE AREA. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT MOVING THE DIVISION OUT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WOULD IMPACT THESE IMPORTANT JOBS, AS WELL. INDEED, IF A LOSS OF THE DIVISION DAMAGES CALIFORNIA'S REPUTITION AS THE LEADING STATE FOR AEROSPACE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, FIRMS NOT EVEN CONNECTED WITH THE DIVISION MAY CHOOSE TO RELOCATE. THE COMBINATION OF WORK FORCE REDUCTIONS ALREADY ANNOUNCED AND THE LINKAGES BETWEEN SSD AND OTHER COMPANIES IMPLY THAT THE EMPLOYMENT LOSS ESTIMATES USED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ARE SIGNIFICANTLY UNDERSTATED, AND AS A RESULT, THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ARE ALSO UNDER STATED.

IN CALIFORNIA A STRONG ECONOMY AND A CLEAN

ENVIRONMENT ARE EXONERABLY BINDED AND A WEAKENED, UNDERMINED STATE OF LOCAL REGIONAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS TO INTRODUCE NECESSARY ENVIRONMENT CONTROLS.

IN ADDITION, WE AGREE WITH THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS WHO STATE THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT INAPPROPRIATELY EXCLUDES THE REUSE AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS IF THE L.A. BASE WERE CLOSED. AS A RESULT, THE REPORT CONCLUDES THAT CLOSING THE BASE WOULD ACTUALLY HAVE A POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT, AND YET MOST REUSE OPTIONS, PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT WOULD MAXIMIZE A RETURN TO THE AIR FORCE AND THE ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION OF THE COMMUNITY, WOULD CONTRIBUTE AS MUCH, IF NOT MORE, TO ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION.

IN CONCLUSION, RELOCATION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION OUTSIDE OF CALIFORNIA WOULD BE COSTLY AND AN UNNECESSARY EXPENDITURE IN AN ERA OF DECREASING DEFENSE MONEY. THE STATE FULLY SUPPORTS EFFORTS BY ITS COMMUNITIES TO DEMONSTRATE THE COSTS SAVINGS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME TO THE AIR FORCE BY STAYING IN CALIFORNIA.

WE ENCOURAGE THE AIR FORCE TO MAKE MORE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT OF IT'S RECENT DECISIONS ON CALIFORNIA'S ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT.

THANK YOU.

COLONEL MORRISON: THANK YOU, MRS. TURNER. THE NEXT SPEAK ARE WILL BE MR. GEORGE WILEY, FOLLOWED BY

MARK FABIANI.

MR. WILEY: MY NAME IS GEORGE WILEY (ONE MANCHESTER BOULEVARD, SUITE 601, INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90301). I AM HERE THIS EVENING ON BEHALF OF ASSEMBLYMAN CURTIS TUCKER, JR., WHOSE FIRM INCLUDES EL SEGUNDO AND THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE.

I AM HERE TO COMMUNICATE HIS CONCERNS WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE BASE AND THE POSSIBLY RELOCATION OF THIS SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. THE ASSEMBLYMAN'S MOST IMMEDIATE CONCERN IS THE TREMENDOUS SOCIOECONOMIC COST ASSOCIATED WITH ANY DECISION AT LEAST IN RELATION OF THE COST UPON OPERATIONS CURRENTLY MAINTAINED AT THE BASE SUCH SAY DECISION WOULD NOT ONLY RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL DIRECT EMPLOYMENT LOSSES, BUT WOULD ALSO CAUSE TREMENDOUS LAYOFFS THAT WOULD HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECTS. UNFORTUNATELY, NEITHER THIS ISSUE NOR ANY ACCURATE INTERPRETATION OF THE STATE WAS ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED IN THE REPORT DESCRIBING THE LOCAL ECONOMICS OF THE CLOSING OF THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE. SURELY IT'S DOWN TURN IN HOUSING COSTS ILLUSTRATES THIS POINT AND SHOULD BE INCORPORATED IN AFY DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE. INDEED SINCE THEN RATHER A NEW ECONOMIC REALITY HAS COME TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THE CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND THE RELOCATION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION IS A LOSS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CANNOT AFFORD TO

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IN CONCLUSION, THE ASSEMBLY MAN URGES THE AIR FORCE TO CONSIDER AND EXAMINE THE FOLLOWING, IMPACT OF RELOCATION OF THE STATION TO BOTH THE REGIONAL AND LOCAL ECONOMIES PURSUANT TO A LOCATION TO CLOSE AND RELOCATE THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE. EXAMINATION OF THE TRUE COST EFFECTIVENESS OF CLOSURE AND RELOCATION AND WHERE SUCH AFFECT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE TAX PAYING PUBLIC, AND FINALLY CONSIDERATION OF THE BROAD BASE COMMUNITY SUPPORT EXHIBITED BY VARIOUS CITIES AND COUNTIES AND QUALITY OF LIFE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY AIR FORCE.

FINALLY, THE ASSEMBLYMAN OFFERS TO THOSE IN SUPPORT OF THIS ACTION AS REPRESENTATIVE IN THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE WHILE THIS DECISION RESTS ULTIMATELY WITH THE LOCAL AND STATE ENTITIES, SUPPORT IS TO THE VIABILITY. FOR THE RECORD WE WILL ALSO BE SUBMITTING COMMENTS PRIOR TO THE 24TH.

THANK YOU.

COLONEL MORRISON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. FABIANI, AND HE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY RAY RENY.

MR. FABIANI: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NAME IS MARK FABIANI (CITY HALL ROOM 305 N. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012). I'M DEPUTY MAJOR OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES MAYOR TOM BRADLEY. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE THIS EVENING.

CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND THE RELOCATION OF THE COMMAND SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION WOULD HAVE A DETRIMENTAL IMPACT UPON THE LOS ANGELES AREA. FOR OVER 30 YEARS, THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE HAS BEEN THE HOST BASE FOR SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. THIS PARTNERSHIPS HAS PROVIDED SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND THE NATION WITH INFORMERABLE BENEFITS. CLOSURE WOULD RESULT IN SEVERE ECONOMY LOSSES TO OUR CITY AND OUR AREA. THE MULTI-BILLION IMPACTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN IDENTIFIED AND WILL NO DOUBT BE IDENTIFIED IN THE SIMULTANEOUS STUDY THAT YOU ARE CONDUCTING.

LOSSES OF SUCH STAGGERING PROPORTIONS MUST BE JUSTIFIED FOR A COMPELLING REASON FOR CLOSURE. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ISSUES ARE SHOWN AS A MAJOR FACTOR OF THE PROPOSED RELOCATION. YET THE REAL ISSUE AT HAND SEEMS TO BE ADDITIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR AIR FORCE PERSONNEL. OF COURSE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS OF A GREAT CONCERN TO MOST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EMPLOYERS. IN THE CASE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE, THOUGH, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IS PREPARED TO DO WHATEVER IT CAN TO HELP. MAYOR BRADLEY HAS ALREADY BEGUN DO RESEARCH FOR SURPLUS CITY PROPERTY THAT MIGHT BE USED FOR AIR FORCE HOUSING. IN ADDITION, WE ARE READY TO TAKE WHATEVER OTHER STEPS WE CAN.

THE AIR FORCE ITSELF HAS RECENTLY ACQUIRED

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THESE SEPARATE HOUSING UNITS AND IS ACTIVELY WORKING TOWARD ACQUIRING MORE. THE UPROOTING OF THE EPPIRE BASE IS HARDLY A POSITIVE SOLUTION TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROBLEM. THE HOURS REQUIRED FOR RELOCATION AND THE MONEY COULD BE SPENT MORE PRODUCTIVELY ELSEWHERE.

IN SHORT, THE MAJOR DISRUPTION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AEROSPACE INDUSTRY BY THE CLOSURE OF THIS BASE FOR HOUSING IS NOT JUSTIFIED, ESPECIALLY WHEN CITY GOVERNMENT SURROUNDING THE AREA ARE PREPARED TO WORK TOGETHER WITH THE AIR FORCE TO SOLVE THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROBLEM. BEFORE YOU THIS EVENING YOU HAVE REPRESENTATIVES *FROM GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, AND EDUCATION; UNITED IN THE* CONSTRICTION IN THE INTERESTS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND THE NATION WILL BEST BE PROTECTED AND SERVED BY ALLOWING THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE TO REMAIN OPEN.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE CHANCE TO BE HERE TODAY.

COLONEL MORRISON: THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE RAY RENT, AND HE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY BRIAN SUNSHINE.

MR. RENT: THANK YOU, COLONEL. I'M PLEASED TO BE HERE. I'M RAY RENT (404 SOUTH BIXEL, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90017). I SERVE AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THAT REPRESENTS 2,500 MAJOR AND SMALL BUSINESSES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. ON BEHALF OF OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WE WOULD LIKE TO JOIN WITH THOSE WHO

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HAVE TESTIFIED TODAY TO URGE YOU TO RETAIN THE AIR FORCE BASE HERE IN IT'S PRESENT LOCATION.

EARLIER THIS YEAR WHEN OUR CHAMBER MET WITH SECRETARY CHANEY WE EXPRESSED SUPPORT OF HIS TASK IN EFFECTING REDUCTIONS IN ITS BUDGET AND ACHIEVING OVERALL REDUCTION FOR TEST SITE PURPOSES. WITHIN THAT CONTEXT, WE WERE SUPPORTIVE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSUMING ITS FAIR SHARE OF BASE CLOSING AND DEFENSE CUTBACKS. WE COULDN'T REALIZE THAT THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELE. WAS NOT A CLOSURE FOR BUDGET SAVINGS, BUT RATHER A RELOCATION WHICH WOULD INCREASE DOD EXPENDITURES.

AFTER WE EXAMINED THE MATTER MORE CLOSELY, WE WORE REMEMBER DID THAT THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE, TOGETHER WITH ITS DIRECTLY ALLIED PARTNER FOR OVER 30 YEARS. THE PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT AEROSPACE CORPORATION IS THE LYNCH PIN OF AEROSPACE HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. *WHILE OTHER BASE CLOSURES AND RELOCATION CAN BE* EXPERIENCED, THE DEMAND FOR THEIR USE AND THE COMMISSION AND SCOPE OF THE WORK PERFORMED AT THESE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMPANIES IS DUE TO THE NATIONAL SPACE SYSTEMS AND INTEGRAL CAPACITY, AND IT BRINGS TO OUR MINDS THE TROUBLE IN THE FIELD RECENTLY. IT WAS DEMONSTRATED MOST VIVIDLY IN THE SITUATION AND PANAMA AND NOW IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WE JOIN WITH PETE WILSON AND GOVERNOR DEUKMEJIAN IN POINTING OUT THE JOB LOSS AND PERSONNEL LOSS AND THE COST

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THAT WILL BE CONTAINED WITHIN THAT BUDGET DEFENSE DEPARTMENT BUDGET TO COVER THE RELOCATION.

WITH THE MAGNITUDE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PRESENT ECONOMIC IMPACT, ONE MIGHT CONCLUDE THAT THERE WILL BE COST SAVINGS TO THE AIR FORCE FOR IT TO CONSIDER RELOCATION. AND YET, AS POINTED OUT BY BOTH AND CALIFORNIA, TESTIMONY THERE IS GOING TO BE A MAJOR INCREASE IN TERMS OF COST RELOCATION.

WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THE ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN PLACED IN THE ECONOMIC SIDE, AS WELL AS IS THE SIDE OF THE HIGH COST OF LIVING, BUT REALLY, IT BOILS DOWN TO THE ISSUE OF HOUSING. AND WE HAVE NOTED THAT GREAT STRIDES HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED ALREADY IN ADDRESSING SOME OF THE HOUSING ISSUES, THAT THE ADDITION OF 370 NEW UNITS TO BRING THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE HOUSING FOR THE AIR FORCE TO 530. WE HAVE NOTED THE SOUTH BAY CITIES AND THE OTHER UNITS OF GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING MAYOR BRADLEY'S OFFICE, BRINGING THEIR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT TO LOCATE ADDITIONAL HOUSING FACILITIES.

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IT'S ALSO DISAPPOINTING TO KNOW THAT THIS TIME FEDERAL AND LOCAL OFFICIALS HAVE JOINED TOGETHER TO PUT SUBSTANTIAL FUNDS TOWARDS IMPROVING OUR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE SAN PEDRO LINE AND A GREEN LINE WHICH WILL BE OUT TO *SERVICE THIS AREA, AT A TIME THAT A MAJOR* EMPLOYER WOULD BE LEAVING THE AREA, AND THUS LEAVING A

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SIGNIFICANT GAP IN THE PATRONAGE THAT WE WOULD EXPECT THAT SYSTEM TO CARRY. AS MY COLLEAGUES AND MAYOR BRADLEY ARE ON THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, WE ARE PLEDGED TO PROVE THE IMPLICATIONS TO AREA THIS THESE IMPACTS. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MISSION AND THE HIGH COST OF RELOCATION AND WITH THE HOUSING ISSUE WORKING TOWARDS RESOLUTION, WE FEEL THE LOS ANGELES BUSINESS COMMUNITY IS CONCERNED IN THEIR BELIEF THAT BOTH REGIONAL AND NATIONAL INTERESTS WILL BE BEST SERVED BY RETAINING THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE HERE.

I URGE YOU TO MAKE THE SAME RECOMMENDATIONS TO SECRETARY CHANEY AND RICE TO CONTEMPLATE THESE THINGS IN ORDER TO KEEP THE LOCAL ECONOMY, AS WELL AS THE ENVIRONMENT, STABLE.

THANK YOU.

COLONEL MORRISON: THANK YOU. BRIAN SUNSHINE, FOLLOWED BY SAM IACOBELLIS.

MR. SUNSHINE: MY NAME IS BRIAN SUNSHINE (3031 TORRANCE BOULEVARD, TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA 90503). I AM REPRESENTING THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT IS INADEQUATE AND INCOMPLETE DUE TO IT'S FAILURE TO COMPLETELY ADDRESS THE POTENTIAL FOR ADVERSE EFFECTS AND ASSOCIATED SPECIFICALLY TO THE SOUTH BAY CITIES. THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT DISCUSSES THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF THE CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE TO LOS

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ANGELES COUNTY HOWEVER THE REPORT DOES NOT BREAKDOWN THE
LITS OF REVENUE AND EMPLOYMENT ON A CITY-BY-CITY BASIS.
THESE IMPACTS MUST BE ADDRESSED IN ORDER TO
FULLY UNDERSTAND THE EFFECT THAT THE CLOSURE WOULD HAVE ON
THE SOUTH BAY. TORRANCE NOT ONLY RECEIVES REVENUE
GENERATED BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE OF THE AIR FORCE BASE,
BUT ARE ALSO HOSTS TO MANY EMPLOYERS WHO DIRECTLY AND
INDIRECTLY CONTRACT WITH THE AIR FORCE BASE OR ITS
SUPPLIERS.
THE CLOSURE OF THIS BASE WILL TRIGGER
SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC FALLOUT IF THE CLOSURE AND RELOCATION
OF THESE VENDORS OF THE CITIES OF TORRANCE AND THE
SURROUNDING AREAS WITH REGARD TO THE CLOSURE OF THE AIR
FORCE BASE. THE CLOSING OF THESE INDUSTRIES WILL CAUSE
RECYCLING OF LAND USE, WHICH CAN HAVE A [illegible]E NEGATIVE
ON OUR CITY. THE DRAFT DOES NOT ADDRESS [illegible]MPACT TO
COMMUNITIES DUE TO THE RECYCLING OF THESE LAND USES.
THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
FAILS TO ADDRESS ADVERSE IMPACTS ON THE CLOSURE OF THE BASE
WITH REGARD TO THE COMMITMENTS MADE TO MASS TRANSIT IN THE
AREA. TORRANCE HAS EXTENDED ITS LINE 8 BUS ROUTE TO
PROVIDE MASS TRANSIT TO THE AREA OF THE AIR FORCE BASE. IN
ADDITION, AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED BY MRS. BACHARACH, THE SOUTH
BAY CITIES HAVE JOINED TOGETHER TO MAXIMIZE AREAS SERVICED
TO BRING EMPLOYEES OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE EL SEGUNDO

AREA.
THE DRAFT FAILS TO FULLY ADDRESS THE IMPACT
TO THE AREA HOUSING MARKET. THE STATEMENT DISCUSSES THE
POTENTIAL TO INDUSTRY AND THE HOUSING VACANCY RATE.
HOWEVER, THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT COMPLETELY DISCUSS THE
DEFICIT EFFECTS THE AIR FORCE WOULD HAVE TO AN ALREADY
DISTRESSED HOUSING MARKET.
THE DRAFT DISCUSSES THE AIR FORCE BASE BEING
IN CARETAKER STATUS, UNLESS A NEW USE IS DECIDED UPON.
THE DRAFT DOES NOT ADDRESS THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO THE
SURROUNDING AREAS WITH REGARD TO A DIFFERENT TYPE OF LAND
USE. THIS MUST BE ADDRESSED TO FULLY UNDERSTAND WHAT THE
CLOSURE WOULD MEAN FOR THE AREA WITH REGARD TO TRAFFIC,
POLLUTION, AS WELL AS, ECONOMIC CONCERNS.
IN CLOSING, THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGES THE
DRAFT BE REDEFINED TO EXPLORE THE AFOREMENTIONED AREAS ON A
FOCUSED AREA CONSISTING OF THE SOUTH BAY CITIES IN ORDER TO
ACHIEVE A MORE COMPREHENSIVE VIEW OF THE IMPACTS ASSOCIATED
WITH THE CLOSURE OF THE AIR FORCE BASE.
THANK YOU.
COLONEL MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. SUNSHINE. NEXT
SPEAKER WILL BE SAM IACOBELLIS, FOLLOWED BY ERNIE O'DELL.
MR. IACOBELLIS: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS
SAM IACOBELLIS (404 SOUTH SIXEL, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
90017). I'M A CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OF ROCKWELL

INTERNATIONAL, BUT TONIGHT I'M HERE IN MY CAPACITY AS THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE AEROSPACE AND AIR TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
OF THE LOS ANGELES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
NOW, MOST OF MY PREPARED REMARKS HAVE ALREADY
BEEN COVERED BY THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS, SO I'LL ABBREVIATE
MY COMMENTS TO SOME FACTS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN COVERED.
THE ACTIVE CONTRACTS IN LOS ANGELES BASIS
FROM THE LOS ANGELES SPACE DIVISION TOTAL $6.5 BILLION OF
A $21 BILLION TOTAL. NOW, MANY OF THESE ARE SMALL
CONTRACTS, UNDER A MILLION DOLLARS, AND THEY'RE CARRIED OUT
BY THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT'S IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA OF
SMALLER SHOPS AND SERVICES PEOPLES. OF THE SUM OF 7,500
EMPLOYEES AT THE BASE AND AEROSPACE CORPORATION, SOME ARE
AT BOTH END OF THE SPECTRUM. MANY ARE HIGHLY-EDUCATED
PHD'S AT THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION. THERE ARE A LOT OF
SUPPORT PERSONNEL, AND IF THERE IS A RELOCATION MOVEMENT
OUT OF THE AREA, MANY OF THOSE WILL BE ASKED TO RELOCATE,
AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE. BUT THERE WILL BE MANY WHO WILL NOT
BE RELOCATED AND WILL BE LEFT IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA
UNEMPLOYED.
NOW, THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT I'M SPEAKING
ABOUT INCLUDES THE OTHER AEROSPACE COMPANIES, BESIDES
AEROSPACE CORPORATION, AND BY THE WAY, THE AEROSPACE
CORPORATION HAS BEEN A TEAM WITH THE AIR FORCE FOR SOME 30,
MAYBE GOING ON 40, YEARS NOW. SO SOME OF THOSE OPTIONS OF

LEAVING AEROSPACE CORPORATION HERE AND THE BASE MOVEMENT
ELSEWHERE, I THINK, THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT DOES
NOT RECOGNIZE THE ADDITIONAL TRAVEL FOR THOSE TWO
ELEMENTS. THAT ARE REALLY A TEAM THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY
SO I REALLY, LIKE THE REST OF THE SPEAKERS, THE BASE SHOULD
NOT BE MOVED. IT'S NOT A COST SAVING AS AT FIRST WE
THOUGHT, AS THE RELOCATION AT CONSIDERABLY COST NOW THE
INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDES THE UNITS. I THINK THE AEROSPACE
CORPORATION, I KNOW THE AEROSPACE COMPANIES ROCKWELL AND
THE OTHERS, HAVE BEEN STRONG SUPPORTERS WITH FUNDS AND
DONATIONS TO THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, UCLA AND USC AND
THE STUDENTS, WHEN THEY GRADUATE, ARE CANDIDATES TO JOIN
OUR COMPANIES.
SO IF THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION AND THE BASES
AND THE BASE WERE TO MOVE, THAT INFRASTRUCTURE WOULD BE
LOST AND I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE THE BEGINNING OF AN
UNRAVELING OF THE CENTER OF TECHNOLOGY, THE CENTER OF
AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY, HERE IN THE BASIN AREA, AT GREAT
EXPENSE TO THE GOVERNMENT.
AND AS WAS MENTIONED BY AN EARLIER SPEAKER,
SOME OF THE THESE OTHER LOCATIONS DO NOT HAVE THE
INFRASTRUCTURE TO ACCEPT THE RELOCATION OF THE BASE AND OF
THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION, SO THAT WOULD ALSO BE AT GREAT
EXPENSE.
SO I'D LIKE TO EMPHASIS THE FACT THAT THERE

IS AN IN-PLACE INFRASTRUCTURE -- SMALL SHOPS, LARGER SUBCONTRACTORS -- A ENVIRONMENT HERE THAT INCLUDES UNIVERSITIES, CULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS. AND, IF YOU WERE TO POLL SOME OF THE AIR FORCE PEOPLE WHO I HAVE, THE FORT MACARTHUR FACILITY IS A PERK, AND THE AIR FORCE HAS VERY FEW PERKS. THAT'S AN OUTSTANDING LOCATION TO LIVE AT. I KNOW SOME OF THE OFFICERS HAVE EXTENDED THEIR DURATION IN THE SERVICE BECAUSE OF THAT. AS I CALL IT, ONE OF THE BETTER LOCATIONS FOR THEM TO LIVE, A PERK.

THE OTHER FOUR YEARS AGO THE CITY MOVED FORWARD AND MADE ADDITIONAL HOMES OR HOUSING OF PROPERTY AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME AND NOW WE HAVE 530 AND I THINK THE SHORT FALL IS 250 TO 300 LOW-COST HOMES. AS THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS HAVE POINTED OUT, THAT'S A MUCH EASIER TASK AND LOWER TASK TO ACCOMMODATE THAN TO SPEND THE ESTIMATED BILLION DOLLARS TO RELOCATE AND REPLACE SOME OF THESE ASSETS.

THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION ASSETS ALONE HAVE BEEN ESTIMATED AT $400 MILLION AND A DEVELOPER WAS ASKED WHAT WOULD THEY BE WORTH AND THE ESTIMATE WAS $100 MILLION. AS FOR THE RAW PROPERTY, THOSE ASSETS WOULD HAVE BEEN TO BE TORN DOWN FOR ANY VALUE. THEY'RE UNIQUE FACILITIES AND I'D LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT MAYBE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WOULD RECOGNIZE THAT SOME OF THOSE FACILITIES CAN'T BE SOLD, THEY'RE UNIQUE FOR THIS

PURPOSE. I DOUBT VERY MUCH WHETHER OR NOT THEY COULD BE RECYCLED OR LEASED OR SOLD IN THEIR PRESENT CONDITION. THAT PROPERTY WOULD HAVE TO BE BROUGHT RIGHT BACK DOWN TO RAW LAND FOR ANY VALUE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COLONEL MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. IACOBELLIS. THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE ERNIE O'DELL, FOLLOWED BY MICHAEL GOODSON.

MR. O'DELL: ERNIE O'DELL FROM THE SOUTH BAY ASSOCIATION OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE (1215 N. CATALINA AVENUE, REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90277).

GOOD EVENING. IT'S BEEN MY PLEASURE TO MEET A COUPLE OF YOU IN THE PAST.

SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTH BAY ASSOCIATION OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT WE HAVE PROVIDED A WRITTEN STATEMENT WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO THIS EVENING. AND I'LL START WITH THIS. THE SOUTH BAY ASSOCIATION OF CHAMBERS, AT THEIR RECENT JULY MEETING, VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO SUPPORT THE RETAINING OF THE AIR FORCE BASE HERE AND SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION HERE AT LOS ANGELES. THE CHAMBERS FEEL THAT THE ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MOVING OF THIS BASE IS OF SUCH MAGNITUDE THAT NOT ONLY WOULD THE LOCAL ECONOMY BE HEAVILY DAMAGED, BUT THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE WOULD BE DAMAGED.

IF THE CLOSURE OR MOVEMENT OF THE BASE WERE

IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST, WE MIGHT BETTER BE ABLE TO CONSIDER IT'S MOVING, BUT BECAUSE IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE MOVEMENT OF THIS BASE IS PRIMARILY INVOLVES AEROSPACE CORPORATION AND THE NUMEROUS COMPANIES IN THE LOS ANGELES REGION, THIS WOULD BE AN EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE PROPOSITION. NOT ONLY IN THE MOVING THE SIGNLY TECHNICAL ELEMENTS OF THE BASE, BUT IN DUPLICATING THE INFRASTRUCTURE NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE BASE. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE BUILT UP WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY OVER THE PAST HALF CENTURY CAN'T BE DUPLICATED ELSEWHERE.

THE WATER, SANITATION, EDUCATION, TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BUSINESS INFRASTRUCTURE ARE IN PLACE AND ALLOW FOR THE AIR FORCE TO FIND QUALITY WORK, QUALIFIED WORKERS, AND THE MAJOR PUBLIC INDUSTRIES AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT THIS MOST IMPORTANT MISSION.

15.2 IF THIS MISSION IS TO GO ON -- AND WE BELIEVE IT SHOULD -- IT IS NOT ONLY IN THE NATION'S ECONOMIC BEST INTEREST TO KEEP THE BASE AT LAX, IT IS IN OUR OVERALL NATIONAL BEST INTERESTS BECAUSE ALL OF THE ELEMENTS REQUIRED TO SUSTAIN SUCH A SIGNLY TECHNICAL STATE OF THE ART MISSION NEEDS THE RESOURCES READILY AVAILABLE AT LOS ANGELES AEROSPACE COMPLEX. THESE RESOURCES ARE NOT READILY AVAILABLE IN OTHER AREAS.

THE COST OF MOVING OF THE BASE FROM LOS

ANGELES WOULD FAR OUTWEIGH THE SAVINGS THAT MAY BE GAINED IF YOU WERE TO A MOVE TO A REGION WITHOUT THE FULL CAPABILITIES AVAILABLE AT LOS ANGELES. THE ON-GOING COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION COSTS THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED AFTER THE MOVE WOULD OUTWEIGH THE COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS.

THE MEMBERS OF THE SBACC HARDILY RECOMMEND THAT THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BASE REMAIN AT LOS ANGELES.

IN CLOSING, I'D JUST LIKE TO STATE THAT WE HAVE BECOME AWARE THAT AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE. IN REGARDS TO THE BASE STAYING IN THE LOCAL AREA, MY OWN CITY OF REDONDO BEACH AND MANY OF THE OTHER CITIES IN THE SOUTH BAY HAVE COMMITTED TO DO WHATEVER THEY CAN TO FIND THAT KIND OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THIS MISSION.

WE WISH YOU WELL, AND WE HOPE YOU WILL STAY IN LOS ANGELES.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COLONEL MORRISON: MR. GOODSON, FOLLOWED BY HANK RAMSON.

MR. GOODSON: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS MIKE GOODSON (4455 WEST 136 STREET, HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA 90712). I'M THE DIRECTOR OF THE PLANNING FOR HAWTHORNE I'M HERE TONIGHT REPRESENTING MAYOR AND COUNSEL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AND

TO SAY WE AGREE WITH THE SENTIMENTS AND COMMENTS OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS.

THE STATEMENT THAT I HAVE IS THE CITY IS OF HAWTHORNE IS A STRONG SUPPORTER OF LOS ANGELES AND IS AWARE OF IT'S ACUTE HOUSING NEEDS FOR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS. THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, AT THEIR AUGUST 13, 1990 MEETING, APPROVED RESOLUTION NUMBER 5896, REAFFIRMING ITS SUPPORT FOR THE AIR FORCE BASE AND PLEDGING TO EXERCISE WHATEVER RESOURCES THE CITY HAS AVAILABLE TO IT TO HELP ESTABLISH THE IMMEDIATE GOAL OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE 250 HOUSING UNITS. TOWARD THAT GOAL WE HAVE HELD SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH THE LAWNDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHO POSSESSES A FIVE ACRES SURPLUS SCHOOL SITE IN THE CITY. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS HIGHLY DESIROUS OF AGREEMENT WITH THIS. WE WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT WE CAN ADDRESS A MAJORITY OF THE THOSE NEEDS REQUIRED BY THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE. A MEETING BRINGING TOGETHER THE SCHOOL DISTRICT THE CITY AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND THE DEPARTMENTS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 4, 1990. IN ADDITION, WE ARE INVESTIGATING TWO OTHER SITES IN THE CITY OF HAWTHORN THAT ARE POTENTIAL HOUSING SITES. 4.3

THANK YOU.

COLONEL MORRISON: NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. HANSON, FOLLOWED BY JOAN PAULIKAS.

MR. HANSON: THANK YOU, COLONEL. I AM MARK HANSON,

17320 COOLBROOK STREET, SHADOW HILLS, CALIFORNIA. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COUNCIL.

WE ARE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH THE 25 SQUARE MILE LOS ANGELES INTER NATIONAL AIRPORT REGION. OUR MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY, CENTINELA HOSPITAL, LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF AIRPORTS. MANY DEVELOPMENT COMPANIES, INCLUDING HOWARD HUGHES PROPERTIES, CONTINENTAL DEVELOPMENT, OVERTON-MOORE AND ASSOCIATES, MAY INDUSTRIES, AND MAGUIRE-THOMAS PARTNERS. AS WELL AS HOTEL, FINANCIAL, AND ACCOUNTING FIRMS -- MOST NOTABLY ARTHUR ANTH AND PEAT MARWICK.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH THE AIR FORCE AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO ASSIST WITH CREATIVE SOLUTIONS TO MAINTAIN THE SSD FACILITIES IN EL SEGUNDO. THE CITIES AND COMPANIES IN THE SOUTH BAY HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO EDUCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR THE SSD. 15.2

THE INFRASTRUCTURE SURROUNDING THE BASE IS SECOND TO NONE. THE LOS ANGELES IBC FEELS STRONGLY THAT TO DISRUPT THE 30 YEARS OF COOPERATION WHILE WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF UNCERTAIN WORLD UNREST WOULD NOT BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE AIR FORCE OR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. WE WILL BE WORKING WITH OUR MEMBER COMPANIES TO

IDENTIFY HOOSE PRIVATE INDUSTRY CAN WORK WITH THE AIR FORCE TO RESUSTAIN THE LOS ANGELES BASE.

WE SUPPORT THE NO-ACTION ALTERNATIVE.

THANK YOO FOR YOUR TIME.

COLONEL MORRISON: THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE JOAN PAULIKAS, FOLLOWED BY KAREN ACKLAND.

MS. PAULIKAS: MY NAME IS JOAN PAULIKAS, 1537 ADDISON ROAD, PALOS VERDES ESTATES (CALIFORNIA 90274).

MY HUSBAND IS A LONG-TIME AEROSPACE CORPORATION EMPLOYEE WHO IS OUT OF TOWN THIS EVENING, SO I SPEAK ONLY FOR MYSELF.

I HAVE READ THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND WISH TO COMMENT VERY BRIEFLY ON THREE POINTS.

FIRST, AIR TRANSPORTATION. OVER 65,000 TRIPS ARE MADE ANNUALLY BY AEROSPACE AND SPACE DIVISION EMPLOYS. FREQUENT AIR SERVICE TO MAJOR DESTINATIONS IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT. I HAVE STUDIED THE AIRLINE GUIDE AND FOUND THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS. TO WASHINGTON, FROM LOS ANGELES, THERE ARE 12 NON-STOP FLIGHTS AND SIX ONE-STOP FLIGHTS DAILY. FROM ALBUQUERQUE, ONE ONE-STOP FLIGHT. FROM COLORADO SPRINGS, THREE ONE-STOP FLIGHTS. TO SAN JOSE/SUNNYVALE FROM LOS ANGELES, THERE ARE 24 NON-STOP FLIGHTS DAILY. FROM ALBUQUERQUE, THREE ONE-STOP FLIGHTS. FROM COLORADO SPRINGS, TWO ONE-STOP FLIGHTS. 6.1

IT'S CLEAR TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES ARE GREATER FROM EITHER OF THE LATTER LOCATIONS, AS COMPARED TO LOS ANGELES. TRAVEL INEFFICIENCIES TRANSLATE INTO ADDITIONAL COSTS AND LOSS OF TIME ON THE JOB. 6.1

SECOND, THE ASSUMPTION IS MADE IN THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT THAT 80 PERCENT OF THE PERSONNEL WOULD MOVE TO NEW MEXICO OR COLORADO IF THAT CHOICE WERE MADE. SOME YEARS AGO, AEROSPACE DID A SURVEY AND DISCOVERED THAT ONLY 50 PERCENT OF THEIR EMPLOYEES WERE WILLING TO LEAVE THE LOS ANGELES AREA IF A RELOCATION WERE PLANNED. A MORE RECENT, CONCRETE EXAMPLE IS THE MOVE OF THE IBM CORPORATION FROM THEIR WESTLAKE HEADQUARTERS AND THE GREATER L.A. AREA TO BOULDER, COLORADO. WHEN THE DUST HAD FINALLY SETTLED ONLY 25 PERCENT HAD ACTUALLY MOVED TO BOULDER AND REMAINED THERE. 15.1

THIRD, QUALITY OF LIFE. AEROSPACE AND SPACE DIVISION PERSONNEL CHOOSE, IN GENERAL, TO COME TO THIS AREA. FOR US THE, QUALITY OF LIFE MY HUSBAND AND I -- I WILL SPEAK FOR SIX AT THIS POINT -- WE ENJOY THE BEACH AND WE ALSO ENJOY THE NEARBY MOUNTAINS AND THE SKIING AND THE SURING SEASON. THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A HIGHER EDUCATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE HERE CAN FIND NO EQUAL IN THE SMALLER CITIES. 15.2

IN SUMMARY, LET ME CLOSE WITH A VALUE JUDGMENT. TO QUOTE A PHRASE, 'IT AIN'T BROKE, SO LET'S NOT

FIX IT.' LET'S BUILD MORE HOUSING NEAR EL SEGUNDO AND KEEP TOGETHER THE AEROSPACE/AIR FORCE TEAM THAT'S WORKED TOGETHER SO WELL FOR 30 YEARS.

COLONEL MORRISON: KAREN ACKLAND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY HERB SINGER.

MS. ACKLAND: GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS KAREN ACKLAND. I'M AT 300 NORTH CONTINENTAL BOULEVARD, EL SEGUNDO (CALIFORNIA 90245) AND I'M CURRENTLY THE PRESIDENT OF THE EL SEGUNDO CHAMBER OF THE COMMERCE.

4.4 I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO THE NEGATIVE IMPACT THE BASE CLOSURE WILL HAVE ON THE COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY. I DO NOT FEEL THAT THAT WAS ADEQUATELY DEALT WITH IN THE DRAFT AND WAS ERRONEOUSLY DEALT WITH IN THE LOCAL ECONOMY CONSEQUENCES STATEMENT. TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE BACKGROUND, AT THE CLOSE OF THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990 THE SOUTH BAY MARKET CONTAINED A TOTAL OF 27.7 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF COMPETITIVE OFFICE SPACE LOCATED WITHIN THE SIX SOUTH BAY SUBMARKETS. THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1990 ABSORPTIONS WERE, UNFORTUNATELY, A NEGATIVE 114,000 SQUARE FEET. THE CURRENT VACANCY RATE IS 18 PERCENT. SPECIFICALLY, THE EL SEGUNDO AND THE BEACH CITIES TRADITIONALLY HAVE ENJOYED A RAPID EXPANSION AND ABSORPTION. HOWEVER, UP TO THE 1990 SECOND QUARTER, THE NEGATIVE ABSORPTION WAS UP TO 130,000 SQUARE FEET.

NOT INCLUDED IN THIS, HOWEVER, IS THE 300,000

SQUARE FEET CURRENTLY ON THE MARKET OF SUBLEASED SPACE. AND WITH AN ANTICIPATED 25,000 EXPECTED IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS, MOST OF THAT COMING FROM THE AEROSPACE CUTBACKS. THE LOCATED IMPACTS REPORT INDICATES THAT WE CAN ANTICIPATE AN EMPLOYMENT LOSS OF 11 TO 13 THOUSAND JOBS BY 1997, AND THE DIS REPORTED UP TO 17,000. FOR THOSE OF US IN THE REAL ESTATE MARKET, THAT SQUARES TO TENANTS.

THE ECONOMIC REPORT INDICATED THAT THE LOS ANGELES BASIN OR THE AREA REGION THAT IT STUDIED ARE, SAY, 18.9 PERCENT VACANT AGAIN. NARROWING THE SCOPE TO THE SOUTH BAY SUBMARKET, THAT IS CURRENTLY 18 PERCENT, AND UNFORTUNATELY, AS HIGH AS 33 PERCENT WITHIN JUST TWO MILES OF YOUR BASE. THE LOCATED IMPACT REPORT INDICATES THAT 2.1 MILLION SQUARE FEET WERE ABSORBED FOR 1990. AGAIN FOR 1990 WE HAVE A NEGATIVE OF 114,000 NEGATIVE ABSORPTION OF SPACE. THE LOCATED IMPACT REPORT STATED THAT APPROXIMATELY 4,000 SQUARE FEET COULD BE ANTICIPATED TO BE VACATED IF THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE WERE RELOCATED.

I FEEL THAT THE REALITY OF THIS FIGURE IS PROBABLY MUCH HIGHER WHEN ONE CONSIDERS THIS SUBMARKET HAS PLAYED HOST TO AND OFFICES A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF DEFENSE AND SPACE RELATED SECONDARY TENANTS, WHO WOULD MOST LIKELY RELOCATE TO WHATEVER THE AIR FORCE WAS TO RELOCATE. WHEN THIS ADDED TO THE CURRENT 5 MILLION IN THE SOUTH BAY AVAILABILITY IT COULD LEAVE US WITH A VACANCY RATE AS HIGH

AS 32 PERCENT.

LIKE ALL IMPACTS THIS DOES NOT STOP AT THE BUILDERS AND DEVELOPERS WHO ARE CRYING TO THE BANKS. THESE TENANTS AND PROJECTS GENERATE INCOME TO THE LOCAL CITIES. VARIOUS METHODS ARE POINTED OUT: THE SALES TAX, BUSINESS LICENSE FEES, UTILITY USERS TAXES. THESE LOST DOLLARS WILL SEVERELY IMPACT THESE CITIES' ABILITY TO PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS.

THE SOUTH BAY REAL ESTATE MARKET HAS PLAYED HOST TO AND DEPENDS ON MANY OF THE COUNTRIES MAJOR DEFENSE AND AEROSPACE COMPANIES. IT HAS A LONG AND PROUD HERITAGE IN SUPPORT OF THESE INDUSTRIES. WITH THE CURRENT AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE CUTBACKS WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN A GENERAL DECLINE IN OUR REAL ESTATE MARKET.

WE ARE VERY CONCERNED THAT IF THE AIR FORCE BASE IS RELOCATED, SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF SPACE WILL BE VACATED, AN ABSORPTION OF SPACE THAT COULD BE TRADITIONALLY DEPENDED ON BY THIS INDUSTRY WOULD NO LONGER EXIST.

WE URGE YOU TO TAKE THIS INTO ACCOUNT WHEN PREPARING YOUR FINAL REPORT.

THANK YOU.

COLONEL MORRISON: THANK YOU. THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE HERB SINGER, FOLLOWED BY W. T. MASON.

MR. SINGER: GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS HERB SINGER (350 WEST 5TH STREET, SUITE 130, SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA

90731). I'M VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BUSINESS DEPARTMENT FOR THE SAN PEDRO PENINSULA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS STRONGLY IN SUPPORT OF KEEPING THE LOS ANGELES IN EL SEGUNDO.

THIS BASE IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE SOUTH BAY COMMUNITIES. IN REVIEWING THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENT IMPACT STATEMENT WE CAME TO TWO CONCLUSIONS THE FIRST WAS THAT OF ALL THE VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES THE NO-ACTION ALTERNATIVE WOULD HAVE THE LEAST IMPACT. 15.2

ON PAGE 2-41 OF THE STUDY, IT SAYS WITH THE NO-ACTION ALTERNATIVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH RELOCATION, IMPACTS WOULD BE AVOIDED. IN PARTICULAR IMPACTS TO THE FOLLOWING RESOURCE AREAS WOULD NOT OCCUR: "WATER RESOURCES AT EITHER VANDENBERG OR FALCON AIR FORCE BASE, AIR QUALITY AT ALL LOCATIONS, BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES AT VANDENBERG AND BEACH AIR FORCE BASES, AND CULTURAL RESOURCES AT VANDENBERG OR PETERSON.' BASED ON A STRICTLY ENVIRONMENT BASIS, IT WOULD THEREFORE SEEM LOGICAL TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO AND TO LEAVE THE BASE AS IT IS NOW.

OF COURSE, WE KNOW THAT OTHER ASPECTS -- POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC VARIABLES -- HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED IN MAKING THE FINAL DECISION.

THE SECOND CONCLUSION THAT WE CAME TO IN REVIEWING THE DRAFT IS OF THE THREATENED OR ENDANGERED SPECIES LISTED. ONE IS CONSCIOUSLY MISSING. THE DRAFT

MENTIONED THE IMPACT ON BURTON MESA CHAPARRAL, THE CALIFORNIA BROWN PELICAN, THE TIDEWATER GOBIE, AND THE MEXICAN SPOTTED OWL. THESE MAY OR MAY NOT BE IMPACTED, BUT WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE DRAFT DOES NOT ADDRESS THE MOST ENDANGERED SPECIES: THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY OF THE SOUTH BAY AND IT'S PEOPLE, THE HUMAN SPECIES.

IN ALL HONESTY, THE REASON WHY COLORADO, NEW MEXICO, AND THE INLAND EMPIRE ARE WORKING SO HARD TO CONVINCE YOU TO MOVE IS NOT BECAUSE THEY'RE GOING TO GET SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION, BUT RATHER BECAUSE THEY ANTICIPATE THAT THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY WOULD FOLLOW THE LEAD SET BY THE AIR FORCE. WE'RE ALREADY WITNESSING THE IMPACT OF THIS STUDY. HUGHES RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION TO HEAD TOWARDS EITHER COLORADO OR NEW MEXICO. IT APPEARS THAT THE DECISION WILL HAVE HIGH IMPACT ON HUGHES' PLANT AND THEREBY IMPACT THE ENVIRONMENT -- OR AT LEAST 1,200 WORKERS OF THE AEROSPACE COMPANY. THE SOUTH BAY IS ALREADY REELING FROM ANNOUNCED LAYOFFS AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENT CUTBACKS. AN ARTICLE IN THE LAST LOCKHEED BUSINESS JOURNAL REPORTED UP TO 40,000 WORKERS MAY LOSE THEIR JOBS AT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AIRCRAFT COMPANIES DURING THE NEXT DEFENSE SPENDING CUTBACKS.

BY COMPARISON TO THE HUGE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ECONOMY, THESE CUTBACKS MAY NOT SEEM VERY SIGNIFICANT, BUT FOR THE SOUTH BAY THEY COULD WREAK ENVIRONMENTAL HAVOC.

OKAY, WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN A MAJOR SLOW DOWN IN OUR COMMERCIAL MARKET. AS MENTIONED WE SHOW NEGATIVE ABSORPTION OF 114,000 SQUARE FEET. CLEARLY A MOVE OF THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE WOULD HAVE MAJOR REPERCUSSIONS ON THE SOUTH BAY.

WE WOULD HOPE THE DEPARTMENT OF THE DEFENSE WILL TAKE A LOOK AT THE ONE BILLION DOLLAR COST ESTIMATE FOR RELOCATING THE BASE BEFORE MAKING A DECISION TO PULL OUT. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE MAJOR REASON, THE LACK OF HOUSING IN THE AREA FOR MILITARY FAMILIES, ALSO, AS PREVIOUS SPEAKERS HAVE SAID THE CITIES OF EL SEGUNDO AND HAWTHORNE HAVE ALREADY ANNOUNCED EFFORTS TO PROVIDE HOUSING, WHICH SHOULD HELP ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM, IN SAN PEDRO THERE ARE 544 HOUSING UNITS IN SOME OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL COASTAL PROPERTY ANYWHERE. IT WAS A DIFFICULT DECISION FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO GIVE UP THEIR VALUABLE LAND FOR HOUSING OF THE AIR FORCE.

THE AIR FORCE HAS BEEN A VERY GOOD NEIGHBOR AND HAS EARNED A GREAT DEAL RESPECT IN OUR COMMUNITY. THE CHILDREN ARE AN ASSET TO OUR SCHOOLS, WE SO HATE TO SEE THEM LEAVE, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO. WE BELIEVE IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE AIR FORCE, OUR SO BAY COMPANIES, AND THE THOUSANDS OF CITIZENS WHOSE LIVING WOULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY CLOSURE.

THANK YOU.

COLONEL MORRISON: W. T. MASON.

MR. MASON: GOOD EVENING, COLONEL MORRISON, HONORABLE PANEL MEMBERS. MY NAME IS W. T. MASON AND I'M A RESIDENT OF 19707 RED BEAN AVENUE IN TORRANCE (CALIFORNIA). I AM PRESIDENT ELECT OF THE EL SEGUNDO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND I HAVE LIVED AND WORKED IN THIS AREA FOR 16 YEARS.

THERE IS A DEEP CONCERN ABOUT IT'S RELOCATION OF THE AIR FORCE BASE AT EL SEGUNDO INCLUDING THE RELOCATION OF THE SAN BERNADINO BASE. THAT HAVE NOT REALLY BEEN ADDRESSED BY THE ENVIRONMENT IMPACT REPORT.

FIRST, IN REVIEWING THE CHART OF IMPACTS ON THE COMMUNITIES, IT WAS INDICATED THAT THERE IS A NEGLIGIBLE IMPACT ON THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE COMMUNITIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE SURROUNDING THE EL SEGUNDO AIR FORCE BASE. I QUESTION THIS. THESE COMMUNITIES HAVE BUILT AND FINANCED THE INFRASTRUCTURE UPON THE BASIS THAT THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 19 TO 20 THOUSAND JOBS IN THE AREA THAT WERE EITHER DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH OR DEPENDENT UPON BOTH THE AIR FORCE BASE AND THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION. REMOVAL OF THESE JOBS AND THEIR FAMILIES RESULTS IN EROSION OF THE FISAL BASE ON WHICH THESE INFRASTRUCTURES HAVE BEEN BUILT.

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SECONDLY, WE MUST NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE BASIC REASONS FOR CONCERN FOR ENVIRONMENT IMPACT. AS OUR FORMER

SPEAKER ADDRESSED, THE IDEA THAT THE HUMAN SPECIES IS AN ENDANGERED SPECIES A VERY GOOD POINT. THERE IS A PERCENTILE IMPACT UPON THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF PEOPLE AND FAMILIES LIVING IN A GIVEN COMMUNITY, AND CERTAINLY THAT IS A ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE.

AS I READ THE DRAFT STATEMENT, IT IS STATED THAT 11,135 CIVILIAN AND MILITARY JOBS WILL BE RELOCATED ELSEWHERE. THAT INCLUDES SAN BERNADINO AND MOST LIKELY OUT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THIS TRANSLATES INTO 11,135 FAMILIES AND GIVEN THE AVERAGE SIZE OF A FAMILY, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT 31,150 LIVES WHICH ARE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THIS RELOCATION. THIS CAN'T BE IGNORED AS TO IT'S EFFECTS.

I'VE BEEN IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RESOURCES FOR OVER 40 YEARS AND I KNOW FIRST HAND -- AND, INCIDENTALLY, I'VE LIVED IN NINE DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES -- I KNOW FIRST HAND THE TRAUMA THAT OCCURS WHEN FAMILIES ARE UNWILLINGLY RELOCATED TO OTHER AREAS. SCHOOL CHILDREN HAVE THEIR EDUCATION INTERRUPTED, THEY LOSE THEIR FRIENDS, THEY LOSE VERY IMPORTANT SOCIAL TIES TO THEIR ADULT MEMBERS OF THE FAMILIES ARE WITH LONG AND DEEP STANDING TIES IN THE COMMUNITY MUST BREAK THOSE TIES THOSE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES IN WHICH THEY'VE PARTICIPATED BOTH IN CHURCHES, SYNAGOGUES, CLUBS, CIVIL ORGANIZATION LOSE THE TALENT WHICH HAVE BEEN BUILT OVER THE YEARS. THE SOCIAL IMPACT OF THESE LOSSES

CAN BE SERIOUS BOTH TO THE FAMILIES AND TO THE COMMUNITIES. THE IMPACT ON THE STABILITY OF THE FAMILY UNIT IS THREATENED.

ONE MIGHT SAY THAT THIS WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE A SERIOUS LOSS IN AN AREA AS LARGE AS THE LOS ANGELES BASIN, BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT A POPULATION OF OVER 30,000 PEOPLE; WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO A SMALL-SIZED CITY.

I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THERE MUST BE OVERWHELMING REASONS TO RELOCATE THE AIR FORCE BASE TO OVERCOME THIS DISRUPTION IN THE LIVES OF THIS MANY PEOPLE. 15.2

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU.

COLONEL MORRISON: THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE SANDRA JACOBS, FOLLOWED BY MR. BOB BUTTERFIELD.

MS. JACOBS: MY NAME IS SANDRA JACOBS, CITY OF EL SEGUNDO, AND I HAVE A BUSINESS AT 337 MAIN STREET.

AT THE LAST MEETING I SPOKE TO YOU AS A PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND BROUGHT TO YOUR ATTENTION A MUCH MORE DETAILED EFFECT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT AIR FORCE BASE CLOSURE. TONIGHT I AM HERE IN THE CAPACITY AS PAST PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RETAIL COMMUNITY IN EL SEGUNDO.

I WOULD ASK THAT YOU PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION

TO THE TRICKLING-DOWN EFFECT OF THE BASE CLOSURE. THOUGH WE ARE NOT THE K-MARTS CAPABLE OF SELLING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF BOTTLES OF SUNBLOCK OR DRINKING WATER, WE PROVIDE NEEDED SERVICES ON A DAILY BASIS TO YOUR PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYERS WHO CHOOSE TO SHOP CLOSE TO THEIR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.

WITH THE EL SEGUNDO RESIDENTIAL POPULATION BEING LESS THAN 15,000, SMALL RETAILERS, SUCH AS MYSELF, LOOK TO THE DAYTIME POPULATION AS AN ADDITIONAL AND MUCH NEEDED CUSTOMER.

LOSS OF THE AIR FORCE BASE AND THE AEROSPACE POPULATION WOULD DEFINITELY IMPACT OUR PARTICULAR BUSINESSES BY TAKING SOME FIVE HUNDRED POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS FROM THE EL SEGUNDO RETAIL COMMUNITY. 15.2

THANK YOU.

COLONEL MORRISON: NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. BOB BUTTERFIELD, FOLLOWED BY DAVID COHEN.

MR. BUTTERFIELD: GOOD EVENING. I'M BOB BUTTERFIELD, SHOREWOOD REALTORS, 3312 STAND AVENUE, MANHATTAN BEACH (CALIFORNIA 90266).

THE RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE IMPACT OF THE CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE ON THE GREATER SOUTH BAY REGION THE GREATER SOUTH BAY REGION MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE, MLS, INCLUDES SEVERAL REAL ESTATE BOARDS GARDENA, HAWTHORNE LAWNDALE, INGLEWOOD, PALOS VERDES, SAN PEDRO,

WILMINGTON, SOUTH BAY, TORRANCE, AND CARSON. THE CITIES OF EL SEGUNDO AND MANHATTAN BEACH ARE IN THE SOUTH BAY BOARD. ALL OF THE CITIES IN THE SEVEN MAJOR BOARD AREAS ARE WITHIN 16 MILES OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE. SINCE A MAJORITY OF THE BASE EMPLOYEES LIVE IN THIS AREA, WE REPORT CAN ADDRESS DIRECTLY THE IMPACT ON THESE COMMUNITIES.

HOW HAS THE LOCAL REAL ESTATE MARKET BEEN LATELY? FIGURES FROM THE REGIONAL MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE SHOW A MAJOR DECLINE IN SALES OF NEW AND PREVIOUSLY OWNED HOMES, TOWNHOMES, AND CONDOS IN THE LAST 18 TO 24 MONTHS. MORE PROPERTIES ARE BEING LISTED FOR SALE AND A SIGNIFICANTLY SMALLER NUMBER OF THEM ARE SELLING. LATEST FIGURES SHOW THAT THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME TO SELL HOMES IS INCREASING. CALENDAR YEAR 1988, HOMES FOR SALE 7,804, AVERAGE MARKET TIME, 89 DAYS, THE NUMBER SOLD OR PENDING FOR SALE WAS 5,838, OR 83 AND A HALF PERCENT. THE NEXT YEAR 1989, 13,061 HOMES, ABOUT TWICE THE NUMBER, WERE PUT ON THE MARKET FOR SALE, 84 DAYS AVERAGE MARKET TIME, BUT ONLY 42 AND A THIRD PERCENT SOLD. SO ROUGHLY ABOUT THE SAME NUMBER SOLD, BUT THERE WERE TWICE AS MANY ON THE MARKET. JANUARY TO JUNE 1989, 5,939, HOMES WERE LISTED FOR SALE THE FIRST HALF OF LAST YEAR, 95 DAYS AVERAGE MARKET TIME, ABOUT 51 AND A THIRD PERCENT SOLD. IN JANUARY TO JUNE 1990 OF THIS YEAR -- THE SAME TIME A YEAR LATER -- 7,508 HOMES WERE FOR SALE, AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 600, 115

DAYS MARKET TIME, BUT ONLY 35 PERCENT OF THOSE HOMES SOLD.

THERE ARE FIVE MILITARY AND OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE INCLUDING 4,675 AEROSPACE CORPORATION CIVILIANS, 29 BASE CIVILIAN, 1,761 MILITARY. OF THE MILITARY PERSONNEL, 84 PERCENT LIVE IN THE 13 CITIES WHICH ARE REPORTED IN THE MLS, INCLUDING CARSON, EL SEGUNDO, GARDENA, HAWTHORNE, HERMOSA BEACH, INGLEWOOD, PALOS VERDES, REDONDO BEACH, AND TORRANCE. IN ADDITION, 59 PERCENT OF THE AEROSPACE CORPORATIONS CIVILIANS LIVE WITHIN THIS AREA. THE RESIDENTS OF THE BASE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES WERE NOT AVAILABLE BUT THE SAME 59 PERCENT IS A REASONABLE ESTIMATE FOR THIS REPORT.

TO SUMMARIZE, THE TOTAL MILITARY REPRESENT 84 PERCENT OR A NUMBER OF 1,540 LIVING WITHIN THIS AREA. THAT'S 84 PERCENT OF THE 1,761 AND THE TOTAL CIVILIANS LIVING WITHIN THE AREA ARE 3,763, FOR A TOTAL OF 5,333 OF THE TOTAL BASE POPULATION LIVING WITHIN THIS 16-MILE, 13-CITY AREA. IN REPORTING THE HOUSING STATUS AND LOCATION OF PERSONNEL BY AREA, THE BASIN SIX REPORTED 3,341 PRIVATELY OWNED HOMES OWNED BY MILITARY AND 3,457 OWNED BY CIVILIAN PERSONNEL. UNTIL SO BY APPLYING PERCENTAGES THAT I'VE JUST MENTIONED, THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS OF HOMES ARE OWNED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY: MILITARY 196, CIVILIAN 2,804, SO A TOTAL OF 3,230 HOMES ARE OWNED WITHIN THIS 16 MILE AREA. SO BY ADDING THE 574 HOMES AT FORT MACARTHUR, 2,794 HOMES WOULD

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BE AFFECTED IN THE MLS IF THE BASE WERE CLOSED. AND NOTE BY THE EXTENDING THE 16-MILE RADIUS OUT TO 20- OR 30-MILES AS SHOWN IN THE INTERIM REPORT, THE PERCENTAGES GO UP FROM 84 TO 90 PERCENT FOR MILITARY AND FROM 59 TO 84 PERCENT FOR CIVILIAN.

IN REVIEWING THE NUMBER OF HOMES FOR SALE IN '89 3,061 WERE LISTED, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 54 PERCENT FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. I'LL TRY TO SPEED THIS UP, I'M GETTING TO GO MY LAST PARAGRAPH. JANUARY TO JUNE 1990 FIGURES ARE UP 10 PERCENT FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. HOMES SOLD AND PENDING SALES IN '89 DROPPED 49 PERCENT FROM 1988, AND THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1990 SHOW A 32 PERCENT DROP FROM THE FIRST HALF OF '89. ALSO, THE AVERAGE SELLING TIME FOR A HOME WAS LENGTHENED FROM THREE TO FOUR MONTHS, SO A CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE WOULD SERIOUSLY AFFECT THE REAL ESTATE MARKET. IF ALL 2,794 HOMES WITHIN THIS AREA WERE LISTED FOR SALE, IT WOULD REPRESENT A 20 PERCENT INCREASE OVER THE '89 TOTAL AND '89 IN WHICH HOME SALES DROPPED NEARLY 50 PERCENT FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. SO 4.4 ANY SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OF HOMES LISTED FOR SALE WOULD HAVE A CHILLING IMPACT ON THE ALREADY COOL RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE MARKET.

THANK YOU.

COLONEL MORRISON: THANK YOU. DAVID COHEN WILL BE THE NEXT SPEAKER.

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MR. COHEN: GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS DAVID BARRETT COHEN (12021 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD, SUITE 274, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90025). I'M THE REPRESENTATIVE NOMINEE FOR CONGRESS HERE IN THE 27TH AGAINST NEL LEVINE. THE MAILING ADDRESS IS 1201 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD, SUITE 274, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90025.

FIRST, I'D LIKE TO EXPAND ON THE POINT MADE BY MAYOR CARL JACOBSON OF EL SEGUNDO THAT ANY POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE CLOSING OF THE BASE IS LIKELY TO BE OUTWEIGHED BY THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF ANY LIKELY FUTURE USE OF THE VACATED BASE PROPERTY.

ALSO, THE EROSION OF THE LOCALS TAX BASE, WHICH WOULD LIKELY RESULT, WOULD REDUCE THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO COMBAT ENVIRONMENT PROBLEMS. I'LL ADMIT TO YOU THAT MY PRINCIPLE CONCERN IS 15.2 THE PRINCIPLE CONCERN OF THE HOST OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM AND IT HAS NOTHING TO DO THE WITH THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. AS YOU PROBABLY ALREADY NOTICED, WE'RE HERE BECAUSE WE KNOW THE CLOSING OF THE AIR FORCE BAY WOULD HAVE A DEVASTATING AFFECT ON OUR LOCAL ECONOMY AND WOULD CAUSE US TO LOSE HOST OF THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY. MOVING THE BASE WOULD COST THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS. IN THE SHORT-RUN, THE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECT ON THIS COMMUNITY OF CLOSING THIS BASE WOULD BE MINIMALLY POSITIVE, AT BEST; AND IN THE LONG-RUN, QUITE POSSIBLY NEGATIVE.

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15.2 THIS UNDERSCORES THE FACT THAT A FURTHER PERSPECTIVE OF THE COMMUNITY, AND INDEED FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THERE IS NO GOOD REASON TO CLOSE THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE.

THANK YOU.

COLONEL MORRISON: WE HAVE BEEN HERE FOR ABOUT TWO HOURS. I'D LIKE TO GIVE EVERYBODY A CHANCE TO TAKE A BREAK FOR 10 MINUTES, AND ALLOW THE COURT REPORTER TO TAKE A BREAK, AND YOU ALL TO TAKE A BREAK.

BE BACK IN 10 MINUTES.

THANK YOU.

(WHEREUPON A RECESS WAS TAKEN.)

COLONEL MORRISON: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TAKE YOUR SEATS. WE WILL START UP UP THE HEARING AGAIN. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF YOU'D TAKE YOUR SEATS, WE WILL START THE HEARING AGAIN.

THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE A MR. J. A. SAUNDER, FOLLOWED BY DR. FRANK WASIAN.

MR. SAUNDERS: COLONEL MORRISON, MEMBERS OF THE PANEL, MY NAME IS JERRY SAUNDERS. 1163 FIFTH STREET, MANHATTAN BEACH (CALIFORNIA 90266). I'M HERE REPRESENTING CONTINENTAL CORP. I'M VICE PRESIDENT OF PLANNING. CONTINENTAL IS A COMPANY THAT'S BEEN IN THE EL SEGUNDO AREA FOR QUITE SOME TIME, AND WE SUPPLY BILLINGS TO MANY OF THE AEROSPACE USERS.

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I THINK THAT MOST OF THE REMARKS THAT I WAS GOING TO MAKE, I THINK, HAVE BEEN COVERED BY OTHER SPEAKERS, AND I HAVE WOULD ONLY SAY THAT I WOULD LIKE TO ADD MY SUPPORT TO THEIR REMARKS, PARTICULARLY, THOSE OF MAYOR JACOBSEN, COUNCILWOMAN BACHRACH, AND GERRITOR WILSON, ET CETERA, ET CETERA.

BUT I THINK I HAVE ONE OR TWO POINTS I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AND MAYBE ASK A COUPLE CLARIFYING QUESTIONS, OR QUESTIONS THAT I'D LIKE SOME CLARIFICATION ON WITH REGARD TO THE IRREVERSIBLE AND IRRETRIEVABLE COMMITMENT OF RESOURCES WHICH IS DISCUSSED ON PAGE 4.7-4 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. I DON'T THINK THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT DOES ADEQUATELY ADDRESS THE IMPACT. IT UNDERSTATES THE IMPACT OF NEW, PRIVATE HOUSING 4.40 UNITS THAT WOULD BE NEEDED TO BE CONSTRUCTED OR WOULD BE REQUIRED IF ANY OF THESE ALTERNATIVE OBJECTIVES WERE TAKEN. FOR EXAMPLE, AT KIRTLAND, SOMEWHERE BETWEEN PERHAPS 4 AND 10 THOUSAND UNITS WOULD BE NEEDED TO BE BUILT IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR. AND THAT IS CERTAINLY A COMMITMENT, A INVESTMENT COMMIT OF RESOURCES, AND I DO NOT THINK THAT IN THE LONG-TERM THE IMPACT OF THIS INVESTMENT HAS BEEN ADEQUATELY ASSESSED.

THERE IS NO LONG-TERM SUPPLY DEMAND ANALYSIS AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THESE UNITS, WHEN BUILT, IF THERE WERE A CHANGE OVER THE 50 YEARS OF THEIR ECONOMIC LIFE WHETHER

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OR NOT THERE WERE A CHANGE IN THE HOUSING DEMAND TO WHERE YOU'D HAVE VACANT UNITS; THEREFORE, UNUSED HOUSING STOCK THAT COULD NOT BE MOVED, I THINK, IT NEEDS TO BE ASSESSED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

I DON'T THINK THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PRESENTS THE EMPIRICAL DATA TO SUPPORT SOME OF THE ASSUMPTIONS, SPECIFICALLY, PERHAPS, THE ASSUMPTION WITH REGARD TO THE PERCENTAGE OF EMPLOYEES FROM AEROSPACE THAT WILL BE RELOCATED TO KIRTLAND OR OTHER BASES. I THINK THAT AT LEAST SOME OF THE DATA THAT SUPPORTS THE MODEL, I SUPPOSE, WHICH WAS DONE NEEDS TO BE INCLUDED SO IT CAN BE EVALUATED.

THE OTHER QUESTION IS A QUESTION TO POINT OF CLARIFICATION I KNOW THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT DOES NOT ASSESS AS AN ALTERNATIVE THE PROPOSITION THAT IF THIS SPECIAL LEGISLATION IS NOT PASSED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN. IF I CORRECT IN ASSUMING THAT AS THIS SPECIAL LEGISLATION MENTIONED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT IS NOT PASSED, THIS BECOMES A CONDITION PRESIDENT AND WITHOUT IT, THE NO-ACTION ALTERNATIVE BECOMES AUTOMATIC. THAT'S A QUESTION THAT I WOULD LIKE ANSWERED.

LAST QUESTION WITH REGARD TO THE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES STUDIES, I UNDERSTAND THAT THESE WERE PASSED OUT AND MY QUESTION IS WHETHER OR NOT THE PUBLIC -- NOT JUST THE ELECTED OFFICIALS -- WOULD BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY

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TO COMMENT ON THE THESE. AND IF WE WOULD BE ABLE TO GET THE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCE STUDIES FROM THE OTHER AREAS, SPECIFICALLY THOSE FROM THE KIRTLAND, ET CETERA.

MAJOR VROMAN: THE LOCAL ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES STUDIES ARE GIVEN ONLY TO THE LOCAL OFFICIALS IN THE AREAS THAT THEY APPLY TO. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON THAT, IF YOU GIVE ME YOUR ADDRESS, I CAN GET YOU A POINT OF CONTACT AT THE AIR FORCE THAT YOU CAN PERHAPS DISCUSS THAT WITH, BUT RIGHT NOW THE POLICY IS THAT THEY'RE GIVING TO --

COL. MORRISON: PARDON ME, I'M SORRY. SPEAK INTO THE MICROPHONE.

MAJOR VROMAN: EXCUSE ME. THE POLICY RIGHT NOW IS THAT THE LOCAL ECONOMY CONSEQUENCES STUDIES ARE GIVEN ONLY TO THE OFFICIALS WITHIN THE LOCAL AREA THAT THAT STUDY APPLIES TO. HOWEVER, I OFFER TO THE GENTLEMEN THAT IF HE GIVE ME HIS CARD, WE CAN PUT HIM IN TOUCH WITH SOMEONE TO DISCUSS SOME OF THE RESULTS OF THE ECONOMY CONSEQUENCES STUDY, AT LEAST IN THIS AREA.

MR. SAGHEERS: THANK YOU AGAIN. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THE OPPORTUNITY OF SPEAKING TO THEM. I THINK THAT THOSE ARE ALL OF THE REMARKS THAT I HAVE THAT HAD NOT BEEN COVERED. WE HOPE AND URGE THAT YOU CONSIDER THEM AND HOPEFULLY WILL STAY IN OUR AREA.

THANK YOU.

COLONEL MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. SAGHEERS. THE

NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE DR. FRANK WASSAN, WHO WILL BE FOLLOWED BY TOM PARKS.

DR. WASSAN: MY NAME IS FRANK WASSAN (NO ADDRESS GIVEN), UCLA SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING APPLIED SCIENCES AT UCLA. IN THE EARLIER STATEMENT MADE ON BEHALF OF PETE WILSON, MENTION WAS MADE OF THE SYNERGY BETWEEN THE BASE SYSTEM AND IT'S AEROSPACE INDUSTRY. LATER ON IN THE EVENING SOME PEOPLE FROM THE L.A. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SHOWED THE SYNERGY BETWEEN THE UNIV AND THE AEROSPACE AND SPACE DIVISION.

I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK BRIEFLY TO THE SYNERGY BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY AND THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION, AND IN MY OPINION TO THE ADVERSE IMPACT THE RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEM DIVISION WILL HAVE UPON THE TECHNICAL AND EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA.

I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT THE SPACE SYSTEM DIVISION HAS LENT US SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT IN THE TRAINING OF YOUNG MEN AND WOMAN. WE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA ARE ENGAGED IN TRAINING THESE YOUNG MEN AND WOMAN ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES IN TECHNOLOGIES SUCH AS COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY, INDUSTRY TECHNOLOGY, AND OTHER FIELDS. WE ARE ENGAGED IN THE TRAINING OF SOME 4,000 STUDENTS. OUR FACULTY IS WELL-TRAINED AND HIGHLY QUALIFIED, BUT THEY DO LACK IN FIRST-HAND ON-HANDS EXPERIENCE AND FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT I WOULD CALL COMMERCIAL SYSTEMS. WE

COULD OBTAIN SUCH EXPERIENCE THROUGH, FOR EXAMPLE COOPERATION WITH TRW, ROCKWELL, AND OTHERS, BUT I BELIEVE THESE CORPORATIONS, ALTHOUGH WILL ALLOW INTEGRATION, DO HAVE A PARTICULAR BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL ASPECT THEY WOULD LIKE TO FULFILL.

WE FOR MANY, MANY YEARS HAVE FELT THAT THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION PROVIDED WHAT WE WOULD CALL A NEUTRAL ENVIRONMENT, WHERE OUR FACULTY AND STUDENTS COULD EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH THE ON-SITE STAFF, TO OBTAIN WHAT I THINK IS THE BEST SOLUTION AND BEST WAY OF THINKING.

ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE NATION, THE SPACE SYSTEM DIVISION HAS BEEN VERY GENEROUS IN PROVIDING US WITH SPEAKERS. NOT ONLY IN OUR FORMAL CLASSROOMS, BUT ALSO IN SEMINARS TO SPEAK ON SUBJECT ON MATTER OF GREAT INTEREST TO THE NATION AND ITS SECURITY. ALSO, THE SPACE SYSTEM DIVISION HAS BEEN VERY GENEROUS IN ALLOWING OUR STUDENTS TO CONDUCT R&D AT THEIR LABS AND THEIR FACILITIES, USING EQUIPMENT THAT WE COULD NOT DUPLICATE AT THE UNIVERSITY. ALSO, SPACE SYSTEM DIVISION HAS BEEN VERY GENEROUS IN DONATING, BETWEEN THEIR STAFF AND OUR FACULTY AGAIN, PURSUING MISSIONS NOT POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE LIMITATION ON IT'S RESOURCES AT THE UNIVERSITY.

IF I LOOK AT THE NUMBER AND SEE WHERE WE ARE AS A COUNTRY, WE WOULD HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME IN RECENT YEARS IN MAINTAINING OUR LEAD IN TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE.

IN FACT, WE HAVE A HELL OF A TIME IN MAINTAINING COMPETITIVENESS. WE HAVE LOST OUR ONLY BENEFIT, BUT WE HAVE NOT YET LOST IT IN THE AEROSPACE. IN FACT, I BELIEVE THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY REMAINS THE MOST POSITIVE FACTOR IN THE TRADE BALANCE FOR THE UNITED STATES.

EQUALLY, I AM HARD PUT TO THINK OF MANY AREAS IN THE AREA OF TECHNOLOGY WHERE WE CONTINUE TO LEAD AS A NATION; HOWEVER, WE DO LEAD IN THE AREA OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND LASER TECHNOLOGY AND COMPOSITES. I MENTIONED THESE THREE BECAUSE OF THE AEROSPACE CORPORATIONS HAVE ABSOLUTELY A LEADING HOPE IN THE UNITED STATES OF MAINTAINING THIS LEADERSHIP. I KNOW FIRST HAND OF LOCKHEED CORPORATION, NORTHROP CORPORATION, TRW ALL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT COMPOSITE MATERIAL, BUT ALL OF THEM HAVE THEIR FAIR SHARE OF SUCCESSES AND FAILURE. IT WAS THROUGH THE EFFECT OF THE SPACE SYSTEM DIVISION THAT BROUGHT THESE CORPORATION TO DISCUSS THESE FAILURE OF THESE PROBLEMS, AND IN FACT, THEY BROUGHT ABOUT MAJOR ADVANCE IN THIS AREA WE HAVE NOW THE LEADER IN THE COUNTRY -- IN THE WORLD -- IN THIS AREA. WE ARE AHEAD OF JAPAN, AHEAD OF GERMANY.

THE SAME THING WITH SUPER COMPUTERS, WHICH WE ARE STILL IN THE LEAD BUT JAPAN IS PRESSING CLOSE ON OUR TAILS. I BELIEVE IT WAS THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION AND THE CORPORATION WHICH LONGER EXISTS. NOW WHO LEADS IN A PROGRAM CALLED "X" IS IN FACT A MAJOR OF COMPETITOR OF OUR

KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE IN SUPER COMPUTER. SO AT A TIME WHEN OUR NATION IS REALLY LOCKED IN A MORTAL STRUGGLE TO MAINTAIN LEADERSHIP IN THE WORLD MARKET AND COMPETITIVENESS AND LEADING IN TECHNOLOGY.

I BELIEVE THE REMOVAL AND RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEM DIVISION WILL BE A GRIEVOUS ERROR AND IT WILL NOT BE IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST. AND I URGE THIS PANEL TO REMEMBER THAT LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND SPACE SYSTEM SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AND HOUSED IN LOS ANGELES.

THANK YOU.

COLONEL MORRISON: TOM PARKS, FOLLOWED BY JOE BRANDON.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: TOM PARKS HAD TO EXCUSE HIMSELF.

COLONEL MORRISON: OKAY. THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE JOE BRANDON.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: MR. BRANDON LEFT.

COLONEL MORRISON: I GUESS WE LOST PEOPLE OVER THE INTERMISSION. THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE ANN BARFIELD.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: SHE LEFT.

COLONEL MORRISON: ANN BARFIELD IS GONE.

DOMINIQUE CAU. I APOLOGIZE FOR BUTCHERING EVERYBODY'S NAMES.

MS. CAU: THAT'S ALL RIGHT. MY NAME IS DOMINIQUE CAU (427 MAIN STREET, EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA 90245). I'M

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THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE EL SEGUNDO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LAST MONTH OF THE CHAMBER AND THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO SENT OUT QUESTIONNAIRES TO THE ENTIRE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN OUR CITY TOTALING 1,789 BUSINESSES.

THESE SURVEYS REQUESTED ECONOMIC DATA ON THE DEGREE OF IMPACT THE BASE CLOSURE WOULD HAVE ON THEIR INDIVIDUAL BUSINESSES, AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO BRIEFLY SHARE THESE FINDINGS WITH YOU. AN OVERVIEW OF THE SURVEY INDICATES THAT 38 PERCENT OF ALL BUSINESSES DO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH THE AIR FORCE BASE, 36 PERCENT HAVE CONTRACTS WITH AEROSPACE COMPANIES, AND THESE CONTRACTS REPRESENT 31 PERCENT OF THE COMPANIES TOTAL SALES, AS WELL.

THOSE WHO REPORTED, 57 COMPANIES TO BE EXACT, ANTICIPATED A TOTAL LOSS OF $56,117,525 FROM THE RETAIL INDUSTRY, SPECIFICALLY, RETAILERS REPORTED AN AVERAGE LOSS OF 14 PERCENT DECREASE IN SALES TO BE ANTICIPATED, AS WELL AS RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS, WHO ALSO REPORTED A LOSS OF 47 TENANTS, INVOLVING 82 JOB LOSSES.

TEN PERCENT OF ALL COMPANIES AND 36 PERCENT OF HIGH-TECH INDUSTRY ALSO WOULD BE FORCED TO RELOCATE TO FOLLOW THE BASE.

EIGHT-FOUR PERCENT OF ALL THE BUSINESSES SURVEYED ALSO OPPOSED RELOCATION AND HAVE EXPRESSED SUPPORT IN OUR EFFORTS BY PLEDGING TO JOIN OUR CAMPAIGN OF WRITING LETTERS TO OUR STATE AND FEDERALLY ELECTED OFFICIALS. AND

ALSO ATTEND COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND WE HOPE WE ARE SUCCESSFUL IN OUR EFFORTS TO RETAIN THE BASE.

THANK YOU.

COLONEL MORRISON: THANK YOU, MISS CAU. THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE ROBERT WICKWIRE, AND HE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY JUDITH PEACH.

MR. WICKWIRE: I'M ROBERT WICKWIRE. I LIVE IN HERMOSA BEACH, 2900 AMBY PLACE (CALIFORNIA 90254). I'VE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE AEROSPACE FIELD HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND WITH SPACE DIVISION FOR THE LAST 31 YEARS.

I AM OPPOSING THE CLOSURE AND RELOCATION OF THE AIR FORCE BASE DIVISION AND THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE STATION. I AM TRULY CONVINCED THAT THE LIVELIHOOD OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AEROSPACE AND PERHAPS EVEN THE NATIONAL AEROSPACE INDUSTRY IS AT STAKE HERE. AND CERTAINLY THE WELFARE OF THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ASSOCIATED WITH THE SPACE INDUSTRY. LOCAL CONTRACTING AND ECONOMICS FLOW DOWN AND SUPPORTS MANY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE. WE ARE AT RISK.

IT DOES NOT EVEN CONSIDER THE WELFARE OF THE THOUSANDS OF DESERVING VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES THAT USE THE FACILITIES OF THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE STATION FOR MILES AROUND IN THE LOS ANGELES BASIN, AND THAT'S NOT AN INSIGNIFICANT NUMBER. I HAPPEN TO KNOW THAT IT NUMBERS IN THE 25 TO 30,000 PEOPLE.

LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE STATION AND SPACE

DIVISION HAS ACCOMPLISHED A LOT IN THE LAST FEW YEARS TO MAKE IT AN AFFORDABLE AREA FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE HERE. OVER 595 HOUSES HAVE BEEN BUILT AND SOME OF THE FINEST LIVING CONDITIONS IN THE UNITED STATES ARE AVAILABLE, AND AN ADDITIONAL 200 TO 250 HOUSES WOULD FULFILL MOST OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONNEL WORKING HERE.

IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE COST OF THE RELOCATION OF THE BASE AND THE ASSOCIATED SPACE DIVISION IS CLOSE TO A BILLION DOLLARS. THAT DOES NOT MAKE ECONOMIC SENSE OR MILITARY SENSE TO MOVE THIS BASE.

TALKING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, I WISH TO POINT OUT THAT THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND AEROSPACE CORPORATION ARE SOME OF THE CLEANEST, GOOD, CLEAN INDUSTRY IN THE AREA. THEY ARE A GOOD VALUABLE NEIGHBOR AND THEY HAVE MADE MANY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TRAFFIC FLOW, THE QUALITIES OF LIFE, THE REALIGNATION OF IMPROVED LANDSCAPING, AND CLEAN AIR APPROVALS. THEY'VE GIVEN UP SOME OF THEIR OWN FACILITIES FOR IMPROVED TRAFFIC FLOW; I DOUBT THAT ANY OTHER INDUSTRY WOULD DO THAT.

WHO KNOWS WHAT MIGHT REPLACE THIS CLEAN INDUSTRIAL MILITARY COMPLEX IF THEY WERE TO MOVE. MAYBE A CEMENT PLANT, A SAND AND GRAVEL TRUCKING INDUSTRY, A GARBAGE REFUSE WASTE. STATION, I TRUST THE AIR FORCE TO PROVIDE THE BEST WORKING CONDITIONS AND ENVIRONMENT OF ANY OTHER POTENTIAL TENANT AT THIS LOCATION.

IF THIS PROPERTY WERE TO BE SOLD -- AND I DOUBT IT COULD BE, EVEN -- THE INCREASE IN TRAFFIC TO IT AND INCREASED POPULATION AND AREAS MIGHT EVEN INCREASE WATER AND SEWAGE USE AND AIR POLLUTION AND TRAFFIC.

AND FINALLY, I DOUBT THAT THE POSITIVE IMPACT PICTURED BY THE IMPACT STATEMENT IS A TRUE PICTURE AND I REALLY BELIEVE THAT TRAFFIC AND OTHER CONDITIONS, ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS, WILL DECREASE AND NOT INCREASE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COLONEL MORRISON: THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE JUDITH PEACH FOLLOWED BY MELINDA BITTAN.

MS. PEACH: I'M JUDITH PEACH. I RESIDE AT 3412 ALMA, MANHATTAN BEACH (CALIFORNIA) AND I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT I'M HERE AS APRIVATE PERSON AND ALSO AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION AND I'M HERE IN A VERY PERSONAL INTEREST OF COURSE AND PERSONAL INTEREST IN MY EMPLOYMENT AT THE CORPORATION I WOULD LIKE THOUGH TO TRY TO COMBINE MY REMARKS AND COMMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AS YOU'VE REQUESTED THIS EVENING AND NOT GET OFF ON SOME POLITICAL WHATEVER.

ANYWAY, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SOME STATEMENTS REGARDING SOME OF THE EARLIER COMMENTS ABOUT, FOR EXAMPLE, THE IBM MOVE. I WAS WORKING ON A PROGRAM WITH IBM AT THE TIME THAT THEY APPROVED THAT THE DIVISION MOVE TO BOULDER COLORADO FROM WESTLAKE, AND THE IMPACT TO THE MISSION TO

THE PROGRAM WAS CONSIDERABLE. I THINK A LOT OF IT HAD TO DO WITH THE QUALITY OF LIFE HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WHICH WAS WHY A LOT OF THE IBM EMPLOYEES DID NOT MOVE TO BOULDER.

I THINK WE WOULD SEE SIMILAR AND EVEN A STRONGER PHENOMENA WITH AEROSPACE. THE 50 PERCENT NUMBER I THINK WHICH MRS. PAULINAS GAVE YOU I THINK WOULD NOT BE THE GREATER, CONSIDERING THE POPULATION DISTRIBUTION WITHIN THE CORPORATION RIGHT NOW, PARTICULARLY THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT COULD AT ANY MOMENT RETIRE AND WOULD WILLINGLY RETIRE IN ORDER NOT TO INCUR FINANCIAL PENALTIES ON THEMSELVES BY ASSOCIATING AND MOVING TO A LOWER COST OF LIVING AREA.

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6.28 SOME OF THE OTHER THINGS AS FAR AS YOUR ALTERNATIVES, I DON'T SEE ANY SUBSTANTIATION IN HERE THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, YOUR ALTERNATIVE NUMBER FIVE WOULD REALLY BE A LESS SIGNIFICANT IMPACT, I WOULD SAY, ON TRAFFIC BECAUSE YOU WOULD HAVE IF AEROSPACE WERE TO STAY IN EL SEGUNDO. I THINK A REALLY BIG COMMUTER LOAD ON THE FREEWAYS FROM

AEROSPACE PEOPLE COMMUTING BACK AND FORTH TO CONDUCT THEIR DAY-TO-DAY BUSINESS WITH THE AIR FORCE IS OUR TRUSTED PARTNER RELATIONSHIP, SO I THINK THAT'S SOME YOU OUGHT TO REVISIT. BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT INFORMATION YOU'VE GOT TO GO ON THAT IN YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. 6.28

ALSO, I HEARD A LOT OF EMPHASIS ON HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT NUMBERS OF TANKS AND WHAT SORT OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ARE WE TALKING ABOUT? TO COMBINE THE REMARKS, WHO GENERATES THESE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, AND IS THERE A REAL SIGNIFICANT HAZARD TO THE ENVIRONMENT EVEN AS WE SPEAK? 8.6

COLONEL MORRISON: MAJOR VROOM, ARE YOU ABLE TO ANSWER?

MAJOR VROOM: WELL, THE IRP PROGRAM IS TO CLEAN UP HAZARDOUS MATERIALS THAT ARE ON PREVIOUSLY CONTAMINATED SITES. IT'S IN A SENSE A HISTORICAL PROGRAM, IT'S NOT TO SAY THAT THERE'S LIKE SPILLAGE OCCURRING AT THIS MOMENT, IT'S SAYING THAT IN THE PAST THERE HAVE BEEN SPILLS THAT OCCURRED. THEY HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND THEY ARE NOW IN THE PROCESS OF BEING REMEDIATED.

MS. PEACH: WELL, IS THIS ON THE SPACE DIVISION PROPERTY AND AEROSPACE PROPERTY OR --

MAJOR VROOM: IT'S ON LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE PROPERTY.

MS. PEACH: FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE RESULTS 1.16

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OF THESE OTHER STUDIES THAT YOU WILL BE CONDUCTING. ARE THESE AIDE FROM THE ENVIRONMENT GOING TO BE AVAILABLE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT TO THE PUBLIC? WE'RE TALKING ABOUT YOUR BUDGETARY AND OPERATIONS. AS A TAXPAYER I WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN WHAT YOUR INPUTS AND OUTPUTS ARE.

MAJOR VROMAN: THOSE STUDIES ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. THEY WILL BE SUBMITTED AS ONE PACKAGE TO CONGRESS IN JANUARY UPON THE REQUEST OF PUBLIC ENTITIES SUBMITTED.

MS. PEACH: IS THAT NOT AVAILABLE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT?

MAJOR VROMAN: I DON'T KNOW.

COLONEL MORRISON: THAT MAY BE. APPLY UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND SEE WHAT KIND OF RESPONSE YOU GET.

MS. PEACH: THANK YOU.

COLONEL MORRISON: THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE BELINDA BITTAN, FOLLOWED BY PAUL SEPCHEK.

MS. BITTAN: GOOD EVENING AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TONIGHT. MY NAME IS BELINDA BITTAN (950 SECOND STREET, SUITE 102, SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA 90403) AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF BANK OF AMERICA AND JAMES B. HISCAL, VICE PRESIDENT OF B. OF A AND CHAIR OF THE LOS ANGELES AREA. MR. HISCAL IS IN SAN FRANCISCO AND HE

REGRETS NOT BEING HERE.

I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF KEEPING THE AIR FORCE BASE HERE AND TO SPEAK TO CERTAIN IMPACTS THE PROPOSED RELOCATION OF THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY AT THE OUTSET THAT BANK OF AMERICA STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE EFFORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO STREAMLINING ITS ACTIVITIES IN CALIFORNIA AND THE REST OF THE COUNTRY. IN THE CASE OF THE SPACE DIVISION AT LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE, WE STRONGLY FEEL THAT MOVING THIS OPERATION WOULD BE TOO COSTLY TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY AND TO THE ENTIRE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE.

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WE BELIEVE THAT RELOCATING THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE WOULD NOT RESULT IN ANY NET SAVINGS TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SINCE NEARLY ALL ACTIVITIES PERFORMED AT THE BASE WOULD NEED TO BE RE-ESTABLISHED AT SOME OTHER LOCATION. THE COST ESTIMATES THAT WE HAVE SEEN FOR MOVING SSD AND THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION UNDOUBTEDLY WILL RUN HIGHER THAN $1 BILLION. SPEAKING AS MEMBER OF THE FINANCIAL COMMUNITY, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ME TO NOTE THAT A BILLION DOLLARS FINANCED TODAY WILL COST MANY BILLIONS OF DOLLARS WHEN PAID OFF IN THE FUTURE.

IT IS ALSO VERY IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER THE OVERALL IMPACT OF THE MOVING OF THESE FACILITIES ON THE JOBS, INCOME, THE CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT, AND PEOPLE OF

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. IF SSD IS MOVED, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT MANY OF THE REASONS AEROSPACE CONTRACTORS AND SUB-CONTRACTORS MIGHT NOT MOVE WITH SSD THEY WERE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THE EXISTING CLOSE RELATIONSHIP. IN ADDITION, THE SIGNIFICANT COSTS TO THE EXISTING COMMUNITIES WHICH WOULD BE DISRUPTED, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WOULD BE NEGATIVELY IMPACTED, AS WELL, WITH THE OF THE VIBRANT, LOCAL ECONOMY.

THE LOCATION OF THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE HERE IN EL SEGUNDO IS ALSO CRITICAL TO THE SUSTAINABILITY AND GROWTH OF THE COUNTRY'S AEROSPACE AND HIGH-TECH INDUSTRIES. THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE IS LOCATED IN THE HEART OF THE NATION'S AEROSPACE COMMUNITY. IF SSD IS RELOCATED, A CRITICAL LINK BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR COULD BE BROKEN.

THE FACT THAT SSD AND SO MANY PRIVATE AEROSPACE FIRMS ARE EASILY SO CLOSE TO EACH OTHER IS TO THE MUTUAL BENEFIT TO BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTORS.

EMPLOYERS BANK OF AMERICA RECOGNIZE ONE OF THE REASONS GIVEN IS A HIGHER COST OF THE HOUSING IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. HOWEVER, AS WE HAVE HEARD TONIGHT THERE ARE CREDIBLE OPPORTUNITIES BEING STUDIED TO ALLEVIATE THIS PROBLEM FOR THE AIR FORCE. IF REASONABLE, LOWER-COST HOUSING IS OBTAINED, THE COST OF LIVING IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SHOULD NOT BE PROHIBITIVE TO AIR FORCE PERSONNEL

IN CLOSING, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ASSORTMENT COST OF RELOCATING SSD WILL HAVE UPON THE PEOPLE AND ECONOMY OF THIS REGION AND THE STATE, AS WELL AS THE EFFECT A MOVE MIGHT HAVE ON THE NATION'S AEROSPACE AND HIGH-TECH INDUSTRIES LOCATED HERE AT EL SEGUNDO.

WE AT BANK OF AMERICA URGE YOU TO KEEP THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND IT'S SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION HERE IN EL SEGUNDO.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TONIGHT.

COLONEL MORRISON: MR. PAUL SEPCHEK WILL BE OUR NEXT SPEAKER.

MR. SEPCHEK: GOOD EVENING. I'M PAUL SEPCHEK, 38 MELA LANE, RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CALIFORNIA (90274).

I HADN'T PLANNED TO SPEAK TONIGHT BUT THERE ARE SEVERAL POINTS THAT CAME UP HERE IN THE DISCUSSION THAT I WOULD LIKE TO AMPLIFY ON AND GIVE AN INDIVIDUAL'S PERSPECTIVE. I AM ONE OF THOSE RETIRED FELLOWS THAT BOB WICKSTROM TALKED ABOUT A WHILE AGO AND THERE'S A LOT OF US HERE WHO HAVE WORKED FOR 20 OR 30 YEARS, AND THE PROMISE THAT WAS HELD OUT TO US DURING OUR ACTIVE COMMISSION WAS WHEN WE RETIRED WE WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO USE THE FINE FACILITIES HERE. THE COMMISSARY, THE BASE EXCHANGE, AND OVER HERE AT LOS ANGELES THE GYM, AND DOWN AT FORT MACARTHUR THE OFFICER'S CLUB. THOSE ARE VERY FINE.

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THEY'VE BEEN UPGRADED SUBSTANTIALLY AND THERE ARE HUNDREDS, IF NOT THOUSANDS, OF US WHO USE THOSE ON A DAILY, WEEKLY, AND CERTAINLY MONTHLY BASIS.

BECAUSE OF OTHER SHUT DOWNS IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA, OTHER MILITARY FACILITIES MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE TO US AND HENCE THE IMPACT ON OUR QUALITY OF LIVING AND STANDARD OF LIVING HAS TO BE CONSIDERED, AS WELL. WE WILL ALSO HAVE ADDITIONAL TRAVEL TO UNDERTAKE PERHAPS TO MILITARY FACILITIES AS FAR AS AWAY AS EL TORO, PERHAPS OUT AT EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE. FOR SOME OF THE MEDICAL CARE THAT MAY BE REQUIRED. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S BEEN FACTORED INTO YOUR REPORT, BUT THE IMPACT THAT TRANSPORTATION WOULD CAUSE SHOULD BE IN YOUR ANALYSIS. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU CONSIDER THAT.

SECRETLY I WORK FOR A COMPANY WHICH IS ONE OF THE THOSE SMALLER CONCERNS, NOT A NAME THAT YOU WOULD RECOGNIZE, BUT WE DO HAVE ABOUT 80 TO 100 PEOPLE THAT ARE LOCATED JUST ACROSS THE STREET FROM SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. WE ARE ESSENTIALLY DEPENDENT ON THE SPACE DIVISION. UPON RELOCATION OF THAT SPACE DIVISION, IF THAT WERE TO TAKE PLACE, WE WOULD HAVE TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER OPERATING NEW FACILITIES IN YOUR NEW LOCATION, MOVING OUR PERSONNEL -- IF THEY WOULD MOVE -- AND HIRING, TRAINING, AND RECRUITING ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO MAKE UP FOR THE SHORT FALL. THAT IS A COST THAT IN ALL LIKELIHOOD WILL BE

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PASSED ON IN SOME WAY, SHAPE, OR FORM TO THE GOVERNMENT AS ACOST OF THE MOVE. MOST OF THOSE EXPENSES CAN BE ABSORBED OR REPRESENTED IN OUR OVERHEAD CHARGES, WHICH ARE TYPICALLY ALLOWABLE IN OUR BILLINGS TO THE CUSTOMERS.

I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY COMPANIES FALL IN THAT SPECIFIC OPERATION, BUT THAT COST, I THINK, IS IN ADDITION TO THE BILLION DOLLARS THAT HAS BEEN QUOTED FOR THE DIRECT MILITARY AND FOR THE DIRECT AEROSPACE COSTS. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU GATHER OR HOW YOU COLLECT THAT INFORMATION, BUT IN ALL THE LOCATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED, THERE AREN'T REALLY SUBSTANTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE OPERATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED HERE THIS EVENING, SO PLEASE CONSIDER THAT IN YOUR COST ANALYSIS.

AND FINALLY I ALSO HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT THE SALE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE TO A COMMERCIAL OPERATION, BUT AS I UNDERSTAND THE LAW, AND WHAT'S HAPPENED PREVIOUSLY, IS THAT FIRST WE HAVE TO OFFER THE PROPERTY TO OTHER FEDERAL OR STATE AGENCIES, AND I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT IF YOU WERE TO MAKE FORT MACARTHUR AVAILABLE THAT THEY WOULD IMMEDIATELY ASSUME OPERATION OF THE HOUSING UNITS AND THE FACILITIES AND THAT THE AIR FORCE WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE ANY REVENUE FROM THAT SALE. IN THE AREA HERE IN EL SEGUNDO, I BELIEVE THAT THERE MIGHT BE OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES OR STATE AGENCIES OR EVEN STATE AGENCIES THAT COULD USE THE OFFICE FACILITIES AS THEY ARE, AND AGAIN, THE

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GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE ANY REVENUE FOR THAT. WHETHER THAT WILL OCCUR IN YOUR PROPOSED LEGISLATION, I DON'T KNOW, BUT IF YOU CAN ANSWER THAT AND CLEAR IT UP NOW, PLEASE DO, IF NOT PLEASE CONSIDER THAT IN YOUR EVALUATION.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COLONEL MORRISON: IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO DESIRES TO SPEAK FOR THE RECORD BEFORE WE CLOSE THE HEARING?

AGAIN, THE COMMENT PERIOD FOR SUBMITTING ANY TYPE OF WRITTEN COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS, WHETHER YOU USE THE COMMENT CARD OR NOT, IS UNTIL 24 SEPTEMBER 1990. AND YOU DO THIS BY MAILING THEM TO THE AIR FORCE REGIONAL CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE AT NORTON AIR FORCE BASE SO EVEN IF YOU HAVEN'T MADE ANY COMMENTS TONIGHT YOU STILL HAVE A CHANCE TO DO SO UNTIL THE 24 OF SEPTEMBER.

I THANK ALL OF YOU FOR TAKING TIME FROM YOUR BUSY SCHEDULES TO ATTEND THIS MEETING TONIGHT. IT IS IT HAS BEEN A LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR ME, AND PERHAPS IT HAS BEEN FOR YOU, AS WELL.

I ASSURE YOU THAT A VERBATIM, WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT WILL IF EVERYTHING SAID HERE THIS EVENING WILL BE SUBMITTED AND PREPARED AND WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE DECISION MAKERS IN THE FORMAL PART -- EXCUSE ME, IN THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

THANK YOU AND GOOD EVENING.

(WHEREUPON THE HEARING CONCLUDED AT 9:40 P.M.)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss
COUNTY OF VENTURA)

I, VICKIE BLAIR, DO HEREBY CERTIFY;

THAT ON MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 1990, I DID REPORT IN STENOGRAPH WRITING ALL OF THE PROCEEDINGS IN THE FOREGOING HEARING.

THAT SAID PROCEEDINGS WERE THEREAFTER REDUCED TO COMPUTERIZED TRANSCRIPTION UNDER MY DIRECTION.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A FULL, TRUE, AND CORRECT TRANSCRIPT OF SAID TESTIMONY AND PROCEEDINGS.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I AM NEITHER COUNSEL FOR NOR RELATED TO ANY PARTY TO SAID ACTION, NOR IN ANYWISE INTERESTED IN THE OUTCOME THEREOF.

EXECUTED ON THIS 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1990, AT SIMI VALLEY, CALIFORNIA.

VICKIE BLAIR

PUBLIC HEARING

CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE

AND

RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION

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TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

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HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL TOM BARTOL
DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION
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LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA; THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 1990

PUBLIC HEARING

7:00 P.M.

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COL. THOMPSON: GOOD EVENING LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. PLEASE TAKE YOUR SEATS SO WE CAN BEGIN THE HEARING. THIS HEARING WILL COME TO ORDER.

GOOD EVENING LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. IT'S A PLEASURE TO SEE SUCH A GOOD TURN OUT BY CITIZENS OF THE AREA WHO ARE INTERESTED IN PROPOSED ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE AIR FORCE WHICH MAY AFFECT YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY.

ON THE 27TH OF MARCH OF THIS YEAR, A SCOPING MEETING WAS HELD HERE TO IDENTIFY IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES THAT MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND THE RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION TO VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE. SUBSEQUENTLY, VARIOUS STUDIES WERE CONDUCTED REGARDING THOSE AND OTHER CONCERNS, RELOCATING TO THE PROPOSED CLOSURE AND RELOCATION, AND A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WAS PREPARED.

THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE HAS NOW DISTRIBUTED THIS DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, WHICH ADDRESSES PROPOSALS TO CLOSE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND RELOCATE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION, BEGINNING IN 1993

AND FINISHING IN 1996.

THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS IDENTIFIED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE AREA ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN THE HANDOUTS WHICH WERE MADE AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY OF THIS AUDITORIUM, AND THEY WILL BE ADDRESSED IN DETAIL LATER IN THIS HEARING BY LT. COL. BARTOL.

SHOULD YOU WISH TO REVIEW THAT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, COPIES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE LOMPOC AND SANTA MARIA PUBLIC LIBRARIES. IF YOU DESIRE YOUR OWN COPY, AND HAVE NOT ALREADY RECEIVED A COPY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, YOU MAY MAKE A SPECIFIC REQUEST BY WRITING TO LT. COL. BARTOL AT THE ADDRESS THAT'S SHOWN ON THE HANDOUT GIVEN TO YOU TONIGHT, AND SHOWN, AS WELL, ON THE WRITTEN COMMENT SHEET THAT YOU WERE FURNISHED.

WHY ARE WE HERE THIS EVENING? THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IS TO SOLICIT INPUT FROM PUBLIC AGENCIES, FROM PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, AND FROM THE PUBLIC AT LARGE, ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT AND IMPLEMENTING FEDERAL REGULATIONS WHICH REQUIRE FEDERAL AGENCIES TO CAREFULLY ANALYZE POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF CERTAIN PROPOSED ACTIONS, AND TO USE THOSE

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ANALYSES IN ARRIVING AT DECISIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO WHETHER TO PROCEED AND HOW TO PROCEED WITH A PARTICULAR ACTION.

I'VE BEEN DESIGNATED AS PRESIDING OFFICER FOR TONIGHT'S PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. MY NAME IS COL. BILL THOMPSON. I'M AN ATTORNEY, AND I SERVE AS A FULL TIME MILITARY JUDGE, STATIONED AT TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE. I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND FROM THE BEGINNING THAT I'M NOT ASSIGNED TO LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE OR ANY OF THE BASIS OR COMMANDS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR THE RELOCATION. I'M NOT HERE AS AN EXPERT ON THIS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, NOR HAVE I HAD ANY CONNECTION WHATSOEVER WITH ITS DEVELOPMENT. I'M NOT HERE TO ACT AS A LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE AIR FORCE REPRESENTATIVES WHO WILL ADDRESS THIS PROPOSAL. MY PURPOSE IS SIMPLY TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE A FAIR AND ORDERLY HEARING AND THAT ALL WHO WISH TO BE HEARD TONIGHT WILL HAVE A FAIR CHANCE TO SPEAK.

WE DO HAVE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE AIR FORCE WITH US TONIGHT, AND THEY ARE SEATED HERE ON THE STAGE WITH ME. THEY ARE COL. DARYL ATWOOD, WHO'S ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE PANEL. HE'S THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AT VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE.

NEXT IS COL. PETER BOGY, THE ACTING DIRECTOR

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OF THE INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM AT HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND AT ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, MARYLAND. COL. BOGY WILL SPEAK ABOUT THE PROPOSED CLOSURE ACTION AND RELOCATION.

AND LAST, ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE PANEL, FROM THE AIR FORCE REGIONAL CIVIL ENGINEER OFFICE AT NORTON AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA, LT. COL. TOM BARTOL. LT. COL. BARTOL IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION, AND HE WILL DESCRIBE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS PROCESS AND THE CONCLUSIONS REPORTED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

WE DO HAVE A COURT REPORTER WHO'S TAKING A VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF THESE PROCEEDINGS. SHE IS SEATED HERE IN THE FRONT. I'LL ASK YOU TO KEEP IN MIND THAT WE ARE A TAKING VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF THESE PROCEEDINGS, AND THIS VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT WILL BECOME A PART OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, WHICH, IN TURN, BECOMES A PART OF THE DECISION PACKAGE WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSED CLOSURE AND RELOCATION ACTION. OUR COURT REPORTER CAN ONLY DO HER JOB PROPERLY IF SHE CAN HEAR EVERYTHING THAT'S GOING ON AND IF SHE CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE SAYING. AND I ASK YOU -- AND I'LL COME BACK TO THIS POINT LATER ON -- TO PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF THE FACT THAT WE ARE MAKING A RECORD OF THESE PROCEEDINGS.

NOW LET ME TELL YOU WHAT THIS HEARING IS NOT.

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THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE A DEBATE, NOR A REFERENDUM, NOR A VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ACTION ITSELF. THOSE THINGS DON'T ADD ANYTHING TO THE WRITTEN HEARING RECORD AND SIMPLY WASTE YOUR VALUABLE TIME DURING THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR PROVIDING YOUR PERSONAL INPUT INTO THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS.

THE FOCUS OF THE MEETING IS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSALS BEING STUDIES BY THE AIR FORCE. COMMENTS ON NON-ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES SHOULD NOT BE RAISED AT THIS HEARING.

WHAT THIS INFORMAL MEETING IS INTENDED TO PROVE IS A CONTINUING PUBLIC FORM FOR TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION ABOUT THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT OR THE VIEW TOWARD IMPROVING THE OVERALL DECISION-MAKING PROCESS.

PLEASE NOTICE THAT I TALK TO YOU IN TERMS OF "TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION", AND THAT'S WHAT WE INTEND TONIGHT. THE FIRST PART OF THE HEARING PROCESS LETS YOU HEAR FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AIR FORCE WHO WILL BRIEF YOU ON THIS PROPOSAL, ITS DETAILS, AND THE ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. THE SECOND PART OF THE PROCESS WILL GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE THE AIR FORCE INFORMATION, TO ASK CLARIFYING QUESTIONS, AND TO MAKE STATEMENTS FOR THE RECORD.

YOUR INPUT ENSURES THAT THE DECISION MAKERS MAY BENEFIT FROM YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOCAL AREA AND ANY ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS THAT YOU THINK MAY RESULT

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FROM THIS PROPOSED ACTION.

NOW, AS YOU CAME INTO THE AUDITORIUM TONIGHT, YOU WERE PROVIDED WITH AN ATTENDANCE CARD AND YOU WERE ASKED TO INDICATE ON IT IF YOU HAD ANY INPUT IN THE WAY OF A QUESTION OR A COMMENT FOR TONIGHT'S MEETING. WHEN THE BRIEFERS ARE FINISHED, I WILL RECOGNIZE MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE FOR PURPOSES OF MAKING COMMENTS OR ASKING CLARIFYING QUESTIONS. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT FILLED OUT A CARD, AND WHO DESIRE TO SPEAK, I ASK YOU TO PLEASE DO THAT. THAT'S GOING TO BE THE ONLY METHOD THAT I'M GOING TO USE FOR RECOGNIZING YOU AND GIVING YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TONIGHT TO SPEAK.

OUR ORDER OF PROCEEDING TONIGHT IS IN THREE PARTS. FIRST, YOU ARE GOING TO RECEIVE A BRIEFING FROM COL. BOGY ON THE PROPOSED ACTION AND THE OVERALL STUDY PROCESS. THEN YOU WILL RECEIVE A BRIEFING FROM LT. COL. BARTOL ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ANALYSIS PROCESS AND THE CONCLUSIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN RECORDED IN THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

FOLLOWING THESE PRESENTATIONS, WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED IN THE PUBLIC INPUT PORTION OF THE HEARING. ELECTED OFFICIALS WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK FIRST, FOLLOWED BY THE PUBLIC AT LARGE.

AS I MENTIONED A MOMENT AGO, SPEAKERS FROM THE PUBLIC AT LARGE WILL BE RECOGNIZED ONLY FROM A RANDOM

SELECTION THAT I'LL DRAW FROM THE ATTENDANCE CARDS. YOU MUST FILL IN A CARD AND BE RECOGNIZED BY ME IN ORDER TO SPEAK AT THIS MEETING. IF YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE STANDING UP NEAR TONIGHT AND MAKING YOUR STATEMENT ORALLY, YOU DO HAVE UNTIL THE 24TH OF SEPTEMBER TO SUBMIT A COPY OF A STATEMENT THAT YOU WANT THE AIR FORCE TO CONSIDER. WRITTEN COMMENT SHEETS ARE PROVIDED FOR THIS PURPOSE AND THEY'RE AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE AUDITORIUM.

IN FACT, EVEN IF YOU MAKE COMMENTS TODAY, YOU STILL HAVE UNTIL THE 24TH OF SEPTEMBER TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL COMMENTS IN WRITING TO THE ADDRESS THAT'S SHOWN ON THE SUMMARY CARD AND ON THE WRITTEN COMMENT SHEET.

NOW, WHETHER YOU MAKE A STATEMENT VERBALLY TONIGHT OR WHETHER YOU MAKE IT IN WRITING TONIGHT,OR YOU SUBMIT IT BEFORE THE 24TH OF SEPTEMBER, EACH STATEMENT WILL HAVE THE SAME IMPACT AND BE CONSIDERED TO THE SAME EXTENT AT THE PRESENT TIME SO DON'T FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE TO SPEAK TONIGHT IF YOU PREFER TO WAIT AND SUBMIT SOMETHING BY THE 24TH OF SEPTEMBER; BUT AT THE SAME TIME, DON'T BE HESITANT TO ASK A QUESTION OR MAKE A STATEMENT.

I WANT TO ENSURE THAT ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO SPEAK TONIGHT HAVE A FAIR CHANCE AND A FAIR OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. NOW, IN ORDER TO DO THAT, I'M GOING TO ENFORCE SOME RULES, AND I ASK FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN HELPING ME ENFORCE THESE RULES.

FIRST, SPEAK ONLY AFTER I'VE RECOGNIZED YOU AND AS I'VE INDICATED, I'LL CALL ON YOU IN A RANDOM ORDER, BASED UPON A RANDOM DRAWING OF THE CARDS OF THOSE WHO HAVE INDICATED A DESIRE TO SPEAK.

SECOND, COME DOWN TO THE FRONT OF THE AUDITORIUM AND THERE ARE MIKES PROVIDED TO EITHER SIDE USE THOSE MICROPHONES. SPEAK CLEARLY AND SLOWLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR COURT REPORTER, AND REALLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE REST OF US, TOO, STARTING WITH YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND THE CAPACITY IN WHICH YOU APPEAR -- THAT IS, IF YOU ARE AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, IF YOU ARE A DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE OF A GROUP, OR IF YOU ARE SIMPLY A CONCERNED CITIZEN.

IF YOU DO HAVE QUESTIONS, ASK ONE QUESTION AT A TIME. BECAUSE THERE IS A TIME LIMIT ON YOUR PRESENTATION, YOU SHOULD PRIORITIZE YOUR REMARKS TO ENSURE THAT YOUR MOST IMPORTANT REMARKS OR MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ARE ADDRESSED FIRST.

WHEN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED, YOU WILL BE RECOGNIZED FOR FIVE MINUTES. I DO HAVE A TIME KEEPER, STAFF SERGEANT JESSE EDMISTEN, WHO WILL BE SEATED IN THE FRONT ROW OF THE AUDITORIUM, AND HE'S GOING TO ASSIST ME AS A TIME KEEPER TONIGHT AND WILL THERE WILL REALLY ONLY BE TWO SIGNALS THAT YOU AND I NEED FOR WATCH FOR. AS I SAID, I'LL GIVE YOU FIVE MINUTES TO MAKE YOUR PRESENTATION. SERGEANT EDMISTEN HAS TWO CARDS, HE HAS A YELLOW CARD AND

HE'S GOING TO HOLD UP THE YELLOW CARD AT THE FOUR AND A HALF MINUTE MARK TO REMIND YOU THAT YOU HAVE 30 SECONDS LEFT; AND WHEN YOU REACH THE FIVE MINUTE MARK, HE IS GOING TO HOLD UP A RED CARD THAT WILL BE VISIBLE TO ME AND TO YOU. I ASK YOU TO LOOK FOR THOSE, AND WHEN YOU SEE THE RED CARD YOUR TIME IS UP, AND I ASK YOU TO PLEASE WIND UP YOUR REMARKS.

I REMIND YOU IF YOU DON'T HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE YOUR REMARKS, YOU MAY SUBMIT THOSE ITEMS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT IN WRITING.

I ASK THAT YOU PLEASE HONOR ANY REQUESTS FROM ME THAT YOU STOP SPEAKING, THAT'S ONLY FAIR TO THE OTHERS WHO DESIRE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. IN THE SAME VEIN, PLEASE DON'T SPEAK WHEN ANOTHER PERSON IS SPEAKING, I'M ONLY GOING TO RECOGNIZE ONE PERSON AT A TIME.

AND FINALLY, OUR HOSTS HAVE ASKED THAT YOU REFRAIN FROM SMOKING IN THIS HEARING ROOM. AND I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION IN KEEPING THESE RULES AND I THINK IF WE DO ABIDE BY THOSE RULES, WE CAN HAVE A FAIR AND ORDERLY MEETING IN WHICH EVERYTHING IS EXTENDED AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AND TO MAKE HIS OR HER POINT OF VIEW KNOW.

I'M GOING TO MONITOR THE TIMES, AND I'M GOING TO MONITOR THOSE RULES AND I'M GOING TO DO EVERYTHING WITHIN MY POWER TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE HERE WHO WANTS

TO SPEAK OR TO ASK A QUESTION CAN BE HEARD.

IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THERE WILL BE SOME QUESTIONS THAT THE AIR FORCE REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE UNABLE TO ANSWER. THAT COULD OCCUR FOR A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT REASONS. FIRST, EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF EXPERTISE ASIDE FROM MYSELF ASSEMBLED ON THE STAGE HERE, OUR PANELISTS ARE NOT GOING TO ATTEMPT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS UNLESS THEY ARE CONFIDENT THAT THEY CAN GIVE YOU A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE ANSWER AND THEY WILL BE FORTHCOMING TO TELL YOU IF THEY DON'T HAVE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION OR SUFFICIENT TIME TO CONSIDER AND RESPOND PROPERLY TO THE QUESTION. AND THEY WILL INDICATE TO YOU THAT THEY'LL EITHER PROVIDE AN ANSWER IN WRITING OR PROVIDE AN ANSWER AS PART OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

THERE MAY ALSO BE QUESTIONS THAT HAVE NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS SUCH QUESTIONS HAVE TO BE REVIEW FURTHER BEFORE ANSWERS ARE PROVIDED. IF THIS SHOULD OCCUR AND IF THE QUESTION IS RELEVANT, IT WILL BE ADDRESSED IN THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND YOU MAY REQUEST A COPY OF THAT DOCUMENT.

ONE THING THAT I REALLY CAN'T STRESS TOO MUCH, YOU MAY HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT THAT IS UNKNOWN TO US. WE ARE VERY INTERESTED IN HAVING AND EXISTING ALL POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED ACTION YOU DO HAVE THE EXPERIENCE THAT MANY OF US

DON'T HAVE THAT COMES FROM LIVING IN THIS AREA OVER A RELATIVELY LENGTHY TIME SO THE SECOND PART OF TODAY'S COMMUNICATION PROCESS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO US.

IF WE DO RUN OUT OF TIME BEFORE EVERYONE GETS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK, I INVITE YOU TO SUBMIT A STATEMENT IN WRITING TONIGHT OR AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE 24TH OF SEPTEMBER SIMPLY BY MAIL IT IN TO THE ADDRESS THAT'S SHOWN ON THE COMMENT SHEET AND ON THE DRAFT PROPOSAL THAT WAS GIVEN AT THE OUTSIDE. THOSE COMMENTS WILL BE CONSIDERED AND MADE IN EQUAL PART AND IN EQUAL RECORD OF THIS PARTICULAR PROCEEDING, ALL WILL HAVE EQUAL WEIGHT AND RECEIVE THE SAME CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, REGARDLESS OF HOW THEY ARE MADE.

I THANK YOU FOR COMING TONIGHT. I THINK IT'S COMMENDABLE THAT SO MANY PEOPLE DO HAVE AN INTEREST IN THESE PROCEEDINGS. LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT YOUR INTEREST AND THE INTERESTS THAT YOU'VE SHOWN BY BEING HERE TONIGHT IS ONE OF THE PRIMARY MOTIVATIONS THAT WE HAVE FOR HAVING THIS HEARING.

NOW IT'S MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE COL. BOGY, WHO WILL BRIEF THE PROPOSALS THAT'S BEFORE US TONIGHT.

COL. BOGY: GOOD EVENING. I'M THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION PROGRAM AT ANDREWS BASE HEADQUARTERS SYSTEM COMMAND. WE ARE THE MAJOR COMMAND FOR THE SPACE SYSTEM DIVISION, AND WILL PRESENT THE PROPONENT'S

POINT OF VIEW.

FIRST, I WOULD GIVE A LITTLE BACKGROUND ON WHAT -- AND THEN WE WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ACTION WHICH IS TO CLOSE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND RELOCATE SSD, THAT WILL INCLUDE BMO, TO ONE OF THE FOUR LOCATIONS.

THEN I WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES WHICH RANGE FROM RELOCATION OF PORTIONS OF SSD TO NO ACTION AT ALL.

FINALLY, I WILL PRESENT T HE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT FOR A VARIETY OF STUDIES THAT WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE IS THE HOST BASE FOR THE AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND'S SPACE DIVISION AN INTEGRAL PART OF SSD IS A FEDERALLY FUNDED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER AEROSPACE CORPORATION SSD PLANS PROGRAMS AND MANAGES AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMANDS PROGRAMS TO ACQUIRE SPACE SYSTEMS SUBSYSTEMS, SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, AND RELATED HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE. AMONG MANY OTHER CRITICAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE AIR FORCE SPACE PROGRAM SSD ALSO CONDUCTS RESEARCH, EXPLORATORY DEVELOPMENT, AND ADVANCE EQUIPMENT PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT FUTURE SPACE MISSIONS. THE RECENT REALIGNMENT OF THE BALLISTIC SYSTEMS DIVISION PLACED THE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE PROGRAMS IN SSD THIS UNIT ALSO KNOWN

AS BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION, HAS A DEDICATED SYSTEMS ENGINEERING/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OR SETA, WHO WOULD ALSO BE PART OF THE PROPOSED RELOCATION.

IN THE PROPOSED ACTION AND THE ALTERNATIVES, SSD AND IT'S SUPPORTING UNITS INCLUDING THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION ARE REFERRED TO AS SSD LOS ANGELES. BMO AND ITS SUPPORTING UNITS, INCLUDING ITS SETA CONTRACTOR, ARE REFERRED TO AS SSD SAN BERNADINO. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE RELOCATION EVALUATION, THREE FUNCTIONAL GROUPS WITHIN SSD HAVE BEEN ISOLATED. THE SPACE SYSTEMS PROGRAM OFFICE, THE ICBM SPOS, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.

THE SPACE SPOS -- RESPONSIBLE FOR DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, ACQUISITION, TEST AND LAUNCH -- INCLUDES 1240 MILITARY, 1190 CIVILIAN, 2590 AEROSPACE CORPORATION AND 190 SETA CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL.

THE OTHER SPO ACTIVITIES AT SSD, INCLUDING THE MIL-STAR JOINT PROGRAM OFFICE AND OTHER ADVANCED SPECIAL PROGRAMS, THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION LABORATORIES AND VARIOUS BASE OPERATING SUPPORT EMPLOY 510 MILITARY, 250 DOD CIVILIAN, AND 1590 AEROSPACE CORPORATION PERSONNEL.

FINALLY, THE BMO ICBM SPOS MANAGE BALLISTIC MISSILE SYSTEMS AND SUBSYSTEMS ACQUISITION PROGRAMS. THIS SPO ALSO PERFORMS THE ADVANCED STRATEGIC MISSILE TRI-SERVICE REQUIREMENTS AND HAS 660 MILITARY, 570 CIVILIAN, AND 1300 SETA CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL.

THE BASIC PROPOSAL OR ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS ARE BASED ON A CONSTRUCTION AND A RELOCATION SCHEDULE BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 1993 AND ENDING IN PHYSICAL YEAR 1996. DUE TO THE COMPLEXITY OF THE PROGRAM, AND THE AVAILABLE RELOCATION RESOURCES, THE PERSONNEL AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULES COULD EXTEND OVER A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME. THE PROPOSED ACTION IS TO CLOSE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE, THE BMO FACILITIES IN SAN BERNADINO, AND THE RELOCATION OF SSD LOS ANGELES AND SSD SAN BERNADINO TO ONE OF FOUR LOCATIONS; VANDENBERG, MARCH, PETERSEN/FALCON, OR KIRTLAND.

SSD SUPPORT UNITS CURRENTLY AT LOS ANGELES SAN BERNADINO THAT DUPLICATE UNITS ALREADY AT DESTINATION INSTALLATIONS WOULD BE INACTIVATED.

THE CLOSURE OF SSD LOS ANGELES FACILITIES WOULD INVOLVE APPROXIMATELY 1760 MILITARY AND 6385 CIVILIAN PERSONNEL. THE CLOSURE OF SSD SAN BERNADINO FACILITIES WOULD INVOLVE APPROXIMATELY 660 MILITARY AND 1870 CIVILIAN PERSONNEL.

LET US LOOK AT THE GEOGRAPHIC SETTING OF THE BASES UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR RELOCATION. THEY INCLUDE VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE HERE AT LOMPOC, MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, AND THEN IN COLORADO, PETERSON AND FALCON AS ONE UNIT, AND IN NEW MEXICO, KIRTLAND.

FIVE ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED ACTION ARE CONSIDERED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. THE

ALTERNATIVES ARE NUMBERED IN THE DOCUMENT AND IN THIS PRESENTATION; HOWEVER, THEIR ORDER SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED TO IMPLY ANY RANKING OR PRIORITIZATION OF THE ALTERNATIVES.

GOING TO THE FIRST ALTERNATIVE, THIS IS SIMILAR TO THE BASIC PROPOSAL, BUT WHILE THE SSD LOS ANGELES OPERATIONS WOULD BE RELOCATED TO ONE OF THE CANDIDATE LOCATIONS, THE SSD SAN BERNADINO OPERATION WOULD NOT MOVE.

THE SECOND ALTERNATIVE WOULD CLOSE AND RELOCATE PORTIONS OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE, INCLUDING MOST OF AREA A, THE LAWNDALE ANNEX, AND THE MILITARY HOUSING AREAS, BUT WOULD NOT RELOCATE THE OTHER SPOS.

THE THIRD ALTERNATIVE WOULD CLOSE ONLY THE BMO FACILITIES IN SAN BERNADINO AND RELOCATE SSD SAN BERNADINO TO ONE OF THE FOUR LOCATIONS.

THE FOURTH ALTERNATIVE CONSIDERS ONLY THE RELOCATION OF A THOUSAND PERSONNEL FROM SSD WITH NO FACILITY CLOSURE.

THE FIFTH ALTERNATIVE WOULD CLOSE ALL OF LOS ANGLES AIR FORCE BASE AND RELOCATE SSD LOS ANGELES TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, BUT WOULD LEAVE THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION IMPACT AT EL SEGUNDO AND SSD SAN BERNADINO IMPACT AT SAN BERNADINO.

THE LAST ALTERNATIVE IS THE NO ACTION. SSD

LOS ANGELES AND SSD SAN BERNADINO WOULD REMAIN IN THEIR EXISTING FACILITIES.

THE PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES 1, 2, 3, AND 5 ARE CONTINGENT UPON SPECIAL LEGISLATION PERMITTING THE AIR FORCE TO DISPOSE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AND USE THE SALE PROCEEDS TO OFF-SET THE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CLOSURE.

IN ALL ALTERNATIVES, A CARETAKER FORCE WOULD BE EMPLOYED TO SECURE AND MAINTAIN THE PROPERTY DURING THIS PROCESS.

THE UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 10, SECTION 2687, THE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ACT, REQUIRES THAT THE DOD STUDY THE LOCAL ECONOMIC, OPERATIONAL, STRATEGIC, FISCAL, BUDGETARY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF A PROPOSED CLOSURE. THESE STUDIES ARE UNDERWAY AND WILL BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS AS A PART OF THE DECISION PACKAGE.

FIRST, THE LOCAL ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES STUDY WILL EXAMINE THE DIRECT PAYROLL LOSS ON THE EL SEGUNDO AND LOS ANGELES COMMUNITIES AND THE SECONDARY AFFECTS ON THE LOCAL BUSINESS OCCASIONED BY THE LOSS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL, DEPENDENTS, AND CIVILIANS. IN ADDITION, THE STUDY WILL FOCUS ON THE AFFECTS ON THE LOCAL REAL ESTATE MARKET AND INDUSTRIES THAT MAY MOVE BECAUSE OF THE RELOCATION OF SSD. ALSO, PROJECTED GROWTH IN THE COMMUNITY AND REUSE OF THE AFFECTED PROPERTY WILL BE CONSIDERED.

NEXT, THE STRATEGIC STUDY WILL ADDRESS THE EFFECT OF REDUCING CONVENTIONAL, STRATEGIC, AND SPACE SYSTEMS AS THE THREAT TO NATIONAL SECURITY IS REDUCED.

AN OPERATIONAL STUDY WILL ADDRESS THE EFFECT OF RELOCATING SSD TO INCLUDE THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION, IF THE DECISION IS MADE TO CLOSE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND THE BMO FACILITIES AT NORTON. IT WILL EXAMINE ALL TENANT AND JOINT SURFACE MISSION CHANGES RESULTING FROM A CLOSURE AND RELOCATION DECISION.

BMO FACILITIES IN SAN BERNADINO AND RELOCATE BUDGETARY STUDY WILL DETERMINE CURRENT YEAR PROGRAM DOLLAR COSTS AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RELOCATION OF SSD AND INACTIVATION OR RELOCATION OF ASSOCIATED OPERATIONAL AND SUPPORT UNITS.

THE PHYSICAL STUDY WILL USE THE BUDGET EVALUATION TO ANALYSIS PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE COSTS AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATED WIT THE RELOCATION OF SSD. COST OF CLOSING AND SAVINGS WILL BE DETAILED THROUGH A LIFE-CYCLE MODEL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION. I WOULD LIKE NOW TO TURN THE MEETING BACK TO COL. NORRISON.

COL. THOMPSON: NEXT ON THE AGENDA IS LT. COL. BARTOL FROM THE AIR FORCE REGIONAL CIVIL ENGINEER OFFICE AT NORTON AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA. LT. COL. BARTOL WILL PRESENT AN OVERVIEW OF THE

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS PROCESS. HE WILL DISCUSS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE LOCAL ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES STUDY AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS PROCESS AND THEN PRESENT THE RESULTS OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. TOM.

LT. COL. BARTOL: GOOD EVENING. OUR ORGANIZATION IS CONDUCING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS FOR THIS PROPOSAL, AS WELL AS OTHER PROPOSED CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENTS ANNOUNCED BY THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR.

TONIGHT, I AM GOING TO PRESENT THE SCHEDULE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS PROCESS, AND SHOW HOW THIS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FITS INTO THE SCHEDULE. I'LL ALSO DISCUSS THE SCOPE OF THE STUDY AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL ECONOMIC STUDY BEING PREPARED TO ADDRESS THE POTENTIAL ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF RELOCATING SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION TO VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE. LAST, I'M GOING TO PRESENT THE RESULTS OF OUR ANALYSIS BY RESOURCE CATEGORY AND THEN CONCLUDE WITH A SUMMARY OF THE POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS.

THIS EFFORT WAS INITIATED IN FEBRUARY WITH THE PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER OF TWO NOTICES OF INTENT TO PREPARE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS. THE NOTICE INDICATED THAT LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE WOULD BE STUDIES FOR CLOSURE AND THAT SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AND

SUPPORTING UNITS WOULD BE STUDIED FOR RELOCATION. OUR DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ANALYSES BOTH THE CLOSURE AND RELOCATION ACTIONS.

FOLLOWING THE NOTICE OF INTENT, SCOPING MEETINGS WERE HELD TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT ON THE SCOPE OF ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND TO IDENTIFY SIGNIFICANT ISSUES RELATED TO THE PROPOSED ACTION. THE SCOPING MEETING FOR VANDENBERG WAS HELD HERE ON MARCH 27TH. SUBSEQUENT TO THE SCOPING PROCESS, WE COLLECTED THE NECESSARY DATA AND CONDUCTED THE ANALYSIS WHICH SUPPORTS THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. THE DRAFT WAS FILED WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ON AUGUST 3RD OF THIS YEAR.

IN ADDITION TO TONIGHT'S PUBLIC HEARING, PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WILL ALSO BE HELD IN THE OTHER COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED CLOSURE AND RELOCATION. WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WILL CONTINUE TO BE ACCEPTED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 25TH. AFTER THAT, WE WILL EVALUATE THE COMMENTS BOTH WRITTEN AND ORAL, AND PERFORM ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS OR CHANGE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WHERE NECESSARY.

AGAIN, AS IN THE SCOPING PROCESS, THERE WILL BE EQUAL CONSIDERATION TO ALL COMMENTS WHETHER THEY ARE PRESENTED HERE TONIGHT OR RECEIVED BY MAIL PRIOR TO

SEPTEMBER 24TH. ONCE THIS PROCESS IS COMPLETE, WE WILL PRODUCE A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN EARLY DECEMBER OF THIS YEAR. THE FINAL WILL BE MAILED TO ALL OF THOSE ON THE ORIGINAL DRAFT DISTRIBUTION LIST. IT WILL INCLUDE COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD AND OUR RESPONSES TO THOSE COMMENTS. IF APPROPRIATE, WE WILL GROUP THE COMMENTS INTO CATEGORIES AND RESPOND ACCORDINGLY. THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WILL BE USED AS INPUT FOR THE RECORD OF DECISION WHICH WILL DOCUMENT THE DECISION BY THE AIR FORCE.

OTHER STUDIES AS DESCRIBED EARLIER BY COL. BOGY IN CONSIDERATION OF OTHER ISSUES BESIDES THOSE ADDRESSED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WILL ENTER INTO THE FINAL DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO PROCEED WITH THIS PROPOSAL. WE EXPECT TO ACCOMPLISH THE RECORD OF DECISION IN JANUARY OF 1991.

THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WAS PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT POLICY ACT AND THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REGULATIONS. EFFORTS WERE MADE TO REDUCE NEEDLESS BULK, WRITE IN PLAIN LANGUAGE, AND FOCUS ON THOSE ISSUES WHICH ARE CLEARLY RELATED TO THE ENVIRONMENT, AND TO INTEGRATE WITH OTHER DOCUMENTS AS REQUIRED AS PART OF THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS. THE DOCUMENT FOCUSES ON IMPACTS TO THE NATURAL

AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT WHICH MAY OCCUR AS A DIRECT RESULT OF BASE CLOSURE OR RELOCATION, IMPACTS WHICH OCCUR INDIRECTLY THROUGH CHANGES IN THE COMMUNITY OR IN THE HANDLING OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OR HAZARDOUS WASTE.

THE DOCUMENT ALSO EVALUATES GEOLOGY AND SOILS, WATER, BOTH SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER, AIR QUALITY, NOISE, BIOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES. INDIRECT CHANGES TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES THAT PROVIDE MEASURES AGAINST WHICH ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS COULD BE ANALYZED INCLUDE CHANGES TO POPULATION, LAND USE AND AESTHETICS, TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMUNITY UTILITIES SERVICES.

IN ADDITION, ISSUES RELATED TO THE CURRENT AND FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND HAZARDOUS WASTES ARE DISCUSSED IN THE DOCUMENT. AS A RESULT OF OUR ANALYSIS, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS WOULD OCCUR BECAUSE OF THE RELOCATION ACTION POTENTIAL MITIGATION MEASURES WERE IDENTIFIED AND ARE INCLUDED IN THE DOCUMENT.

AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, THIS DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOCUSES ON IMPACT TO THE NATURAL AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT BROUGHT ABOUT EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BY THE POTENTIAL CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. THE DOCUMENT ADDRESSES SOCIOECONOMIC IMPACTS ONLY IF THEY RESULT IN IMPACT TO THE NATURAL AND PHYSICAL

ENVIRONMENT.

EARLIER COL. BOGY DESCRIBED THE OTHER RELATED STUDIES BEING CONDUCTED AS PART OF THE BASE CLOSURE PROCESS. IN ADDITION TO THOSE STUDIES, THE AIR FORCE HAS DECIDED TO CONDUCT WHAT WE HAVE TERMED SUPPLEMENTAL ECONOMIC STUDIES. THESE STUDIES ARE INTENDED TO ANALYZE THE POTENTIAL ECONOMY IMPACTS TO THE COMMUNITY BEING CONSIDERED AS SITES FOR RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION.

AREAS CONSIDERED IN THESE STUDIES WILL INCLUDE POPULATION, EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME, COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES, AND FISCAL AND FINANCIAL IMPACTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES IN THE AREA. WE WILL CONSULT WITH KEY STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS DURING THE PREPARATION OF THESE STUDIES, AND COPIES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS, AND STATE &SINGLE POINTS OF CONTACTS FOR THEIR REVIEW AND CONSULTATION.

I WOULD NOW LIKE TO DISCUSS THE RESULTS REPORTED IN THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. OUR DISCUSSION TONIGHT WILL CENTER ON THE IMPACTS EXPECTED IN THE VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE AREAS IF IT WERE CHOSEN AS THE HOST BASE FOR THE RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. THE DOCUMENT CONCLUDED THERE WOULD BE CHANGES TO THE COMMUNITIES THAT COULD AFFECT THE NATURAL AND PHYSICAL

ENVIRONMENT AND THAT ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND WASTE WOULD BE USED, PRODUCED, AND DISPOSED OF. IN ADDITION, VARIOUS IMPACTS INCLUDING THE POTENTIAL FOR SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT TO THE NATURAL AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT WERE IDENTIFIED.

A FULL RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AS DESCRIBED EARLIER IN THE PROPOSED ACTION WOULD CAUSE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN THE SUPPORTED COMMUNITIES AROUND VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION BY THE END OF 1996 WOULD RESULT IN AN ANNUAL INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY $520 MILLION IN TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME. THE PROPOSED ACTION IS EXPECTED TO GENERATE APPROXIMATELY 19,000 DIRECT AND INDIRECT JOBS BY 1997. THE PERMANENT POPULATION INCREASE IS EXPECTED TO BE ABOUT 27,700 PEOPLE, WITH 4,900 MILITARY PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS LIVING ON BASE AND THE REMAINING 22,700 LIVING OFF BASE. BASED ON EXISTING DEVELOPABLE LAND AND CURRENT ZONING INITIATIVES THE SANTA MARIA AREA IS EXPECTED TO ABSORB APPROXIMATELY 80 PERCENT OF THE PROJECTED OFF BASE POPULATION GROWTH.

IN TRANSPORTATION, VEHICLE TRAFFIC IN THE VICINITY OF THE BASE GATES AND IN PARTICULAR THE SANTA MARIA GATE WOULD INCREASE ESPECIALLY DURING PEAK TRAFFIC HOURS. THESE INCREASES, APPROXIMATELY 9,000 VEHICLES PER DAY, WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO A DECREASED LEVEL OF SERVICE ON

SIX ROAD SEGMENTS DURING THE PEAK TRAFFIC HOURS. CONGESTION WOULD INCREASE AT THE INTERSECTION OUTSIDE THE SANTA MARIA GATE, VANDENBERG BOULEVARD, AND CALIFORNIA ROUTE 1/135. TRAFFIC WOULD ALSO INCREASE ON MAJOR ROADS IN THE ORCUTT-SANTA MARIA AREA.

WE ANTICIPATE IN ADDITION OF UP TO 80,000 ARRIVING AND DEPARTING PASSENGERS ANNUALLY AT THE SANTA MARIA AIRPORT. THIS ADDITION WOULD INCREASE THE CURRENT LEVELS BY OVER 200 PERCENT BY 1997. OBVIOUSLY, THIS IS A VERY LARGE INCREASE OVER A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, BUT THESE FIGURES ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE FUTURE GROWTH PROJECTED IN THE AIRPORT'S MASTER PLAN, AND WOULD, THEREFORE, BE CONSISTENT WITH PROPOSED GROWTH FOR THE FACILITY.

FOR UTILITIES, THE RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION TO VANDENBERG WOULD INCREASE LOCAL DEMAND FOR POTABLE WATER, WASTE WATER TREATMENT, NATURAL GAS, ELECTRICITY, AND SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL.

POTABLE WATER DEMAND WOULD INCREASE UP TO 26 PERCENT IN SANTA MARIA AND 8 PERCENT IN LOMPOC DURING THE OPERATIONS PHASE. THE SANTA MARIA WATER SYSTEM IS EXPECTED TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL CAPACITY TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE PROPOSED ACTION. OTHER AREA WATER SYSTEMS ARE EXPECTED TO HANDLE THE GROWTH WITHIN EXISTING CAPACITIES.

WASTE WATER TREATMENT NEEDS WOULD INCREASE UP TO 25 PERCENT IN SANTA MARIA AND 30 PERCENT IN LOMPOC

DURING THE OPERATIONS PHASE. THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM CAPACITIES IN BOTH THESE AREAS ARE EXPECTED TO REQUIRE EXPANSION TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE PROPOSED ACTION.

CAPACITY EXISTS TO SUPPLY THE ENERGY REQUIREMENTS DUE TO THE PROPOSED ACTION.

SOLID WASTE GENERATION IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY APPROXIMATELY 5 PERCENT IN BOTH THE SANTA MARIA AND LOMPOC AREAS. THESE INCREASES CAN BE HANDLED BY LOCAL WASTE FACILITIES, BUT MAY IMPACT THE CITIES' ABILITY TO COMPLY WITH THE CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT WHICH REQUIRED COMMUNITIES TO REDUCE THEIR OVERALL SOLID WASTE GENERATION.

IN THE AREA OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND THE GENERATION OF HAZARDOUS WASTE, THESE INCREASES ARE DUE IN PART TO INCREASED DAY-TO-DAY BASE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES AND IN PART DUE TO THE LABORATORY OPERATIONS OF THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION. EXISTING HAZARDOUS MATERIAL AND WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR VANDENBERG WOULD BE MODIFIED TO ADDRESS THESE INCREASES.

IMPACTS TO THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS: IN GEOLOGY AND SOILS WE EXPECT NO IMPACT TO GEOLOGICAL RESOURCES UNDERLYING THE BASE, AND SOIL LOSSES FROM EROSION WILL BE MINIMIZED THROUGH THE USE OF STANDARD CONSTRUCTION PRACTICES AND MITIGATION PLANS.

FOR WATER RESOURCES, POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS ON GROUND WATER RESOURCES ARE ANTICIPATED DUE TO THE USE OF OVERDRAFTED GROUND WATER AQUIFERS IN THE AREA FOR POTABLE WATER SUPPLIES. CONTINUED AND INCREASED OVERDRAFTS OF THESE AQUIFERS WILL INCREASE THE DETERIORATION OF THE AREAS' GROUND WATER RESOURCES. USE OF WATER FROM PHASE TWO OF THE COASTAL AQUEDUCT, IF CONSTRUCTED, WILL HELP ALLEVIATE THIS PROBLEM. HOWEVER, EXTENSION OF THE AQUEDUCT INTO THIS AREA IS CONTINGENT UPON AND UNDER THE CONTROL OF LOCAL AND STATE AGENCIES, NOT THE AIR FORCE.

AIR QUALITY IMPACTS DUE TO THE PROPOSED ACTION ARE EXPECTED TO BE SIGNIFICANT. BASED ON OUR MODELING, THE INCREASED VEHICLE TRAFFIC DURING PEAK HOURS WOULD NOT CAUSE VIOLATIONS OF THE CARBON MONOXIDE STANDARDS, HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE NORTH COUNTY AREA IS NON-ATTAINMENT FOR THE STATE OZONE STANDARD, THE OVERALL LONG TERM IMPACT OF THE PROJECT EMISSIONS WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT. PROJECT RELATED EMISSIONS OF HYDROCARBONS AND OXIDES OF NITROGEN, WHICH ARE PRECURSORS IN OZONE FORMATION, COULD DELAY THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE ATTAINMENT STATUS FOR OZONE.

SHORT TERM INCREASES IN NOISE LEVELS ARE EXPECTED IN THE PROJECT AREA DUE TO FACILITY CONSTRUCTION, BUT THESE INCREASES ARE NOT EXPECTED TO BE SIGNIFICANT DUE

TO THE SEPARATION OF MOST OF THE PROJECT SITES FROM SENSITIVE NOISE RECEPTORS. WE ALSO EXPECT SLIGHT LONG TERM INCREASES IN NOISE LEVELS DUE TO INCREASES IN VEHICLE TRAFFIC.

FOR BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES, POTENTIALLY ADVERSE IMPACTS ARE EXPECTED AT VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE ON VEGETATION, WET LANDS, AND THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES. MOST OF THESE IMPACTS ARE SITE SPECIFIC IN THAT THEY ARE CONTINGENT UPON USE OF CERTAIN PROJECT SITES AT THE BASE. FOR INSTANCE, THE IMPACTS TO VEGETATION WOULD OCCUR IF THE HOUSING IS CONSTRUCTED IN A LARGE BURTON MESA CHAPARRAL PLANT COMMUNITY AT HOUSING AREAS 1 AND 2D. IN ADDITION, WET LANDS WOULD BE IMPACTED BY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION IN AREA 1. DUE TO THE AVAILABILITY OF OTHER SITES WHERE IMPACTS WOULD BE LOWER, THE AIR FORCE IS CONSIDERING THE WITHDRAWAL OF HOUSING AREA 1 AS A CITING OPTION.

MOST OF PROPOSED SITES 1, 2, 3, AND HOUSING AREAS 2A, B, C, E, AND F ARE IN AREAS OF VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE THAT HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY DISTURBED AND THEREFORE NO ADVERSE IMPACTS ARE EXPECTED. A NUMBER OF FEDERALLY LISTED THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES INHABIT THE VANDENBERG AIR FORCE AREA. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT, THE AIR FORCE IS CONDUCTING THE BIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENTS OF THESE SPECIES FOR SUBMITTAL TO

THE U. S. FISH AND WILD LIFE SERVICE. THESE ASSESSMENTS AND FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH THE U.S. FISH AND WILD LIFE SERVICE WILL BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE RECORD OF DECISION FOR THIS ACTION. CURRENTLY, ONLY ONE THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES, THE UNARMORED THREE-SPINE STICKLEBACK, COULD POTENTIALLY BE IMPACTED BY THE PROJECT. HOWEVER, THE ASSESSMENT ON THIS FISH, WHICH INHABITS SAN ANTONIO CREEK AT VANDENBERG IS NOT YET COMPLETE. THE IMPACT TO THE STICKLEBACK, WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING ASSESSED, CONCERNS THE DRAWDOWN OF THE LOCAL WATER TABLES AND POSSIBLE EFFECTS ON THE STICKLEBACK'S SAN ANTONIO CREEK HABITAT DUE TO THIS DRAWDOWN.

FOR CULTURAL RESOURCES, THERE MAY BE IMPACTS AS A RESULT OF THE PROPOSED ACTION. HOWEVER, AS WITH BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES, THESE IMPACTS ARE GENERALLY SITE SPECIFIC IN THAT THEY ARE DEPENDENT UPON THE SITE SELECTED. PROJECT SITES 1 AND 2 HAVE NO KNOWN PREHISTORIC SITES ON THEM, BUT THEY DO HAVE WORLD WAR II ERA TEMPORARY WOODEN STRUCTURES THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.

HOUSING AREA 1 CONTAINS SIX PREHISTORIC SITES, THREE OF WHICH MAY BE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR THE REGISTER.

THE ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS AS DESCRIBED EARLIER BY COL. BOGY GENERALLY INVOLVE PARTIAL RELOCATIONS OF SPACE

SYSTEMS DIVISION WHICH IN ALL CASES, INVOLVE FEWER PEOPLE AND LESS CONSTRUCTION IN THE PROPOSED ACTION.

IN GENERAL, THESE ALTERNATIVES RESULT IN CHANGES TO THE ENVIRONMENT THAT ARE EQUAL TO OR LESS ADVERSE IN THE CHANGES ASSOCIATED WITH THE FULL RELOCATION ACTION.

IN CLOSING, LET ME REMIND YOU THAT THIS STUDY IS IN A DRAFT STATE. OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE AIR FORCE DECISION-MAKERS WITH ACCURATE INFORMATION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES OF THIS PROPOSAL. TO DO THIS TONIGHT WE ARE SOLICITING YOUR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT. THIS INFORMATION, COUPLED WITH OTHER STUDIES DESCRIBED BY COL. BOGY, WILL SUPPORT INFORMED AIR FORCE DECISION MAKING.

COL. THOMPSON: WE WILL NOW PROCEED INTO THE PORTION OF THIS HEARING PROCESS THAT IS HEARING FROM YOU.

THE FIRST SEGMENT OF THAT PORTION OF THE HEARING PROCESS WILL BE THE RECOGNITION OF YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR PURPOSES OF MAKING STATEMENTS AND PRESENTING MATTERS FOR OUR CONSIDERATION WITH REGARD TO THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

FIRST, I'LL RECOGNIZE JANICE COLFIELD, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF CONGRESSMAN LAGOMARSINO.

MS. COFIELD: GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS JANICE COFIELD. (4081 AJAJ WAY, SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA 93455.)

I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF CONGRESSMAN LAGOMARSINO. HE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITS HIS TESTIMONY IN REGARDS TO THE RELOCATION. HE PROPOSES TO YOU, THE PANEL.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND RELOCATION OF THE AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION, SSD AND SSD'S BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION BMO IN SAN BERNADINO TO VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE.

I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT BEING PRESENT IN PERSON TODAY, BUT I HAD TO ATTEND A MEETING AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON THE PERSIAN GULF CRISIS; HOWEVER, I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE, AND JOIN IN WELCOMING YOU TO THE LOMPOC-SANTA MARIA COMMUNITY.

AS YOU KNOW, THE NORTHERN SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY HAS STOOD READY TO ACCOMMODATE NATIONAL SECURITY NEEDS FOR THE BETTER PART OF THE PAST FIVE DECADES, EVER SINCE 1941, WHEN CAMP DAVID HOSTED A 54TH INFANTRY TRAINING HERE. SINCE 1957, WHEN THE AIR FORCE TOOK OVER THE BASE, OVER 1,600 SPACE LAUNCHES HAVE OCCURRED AT THE BASE, WITH OVER 540 SATELLITES PLACED INTO ORBIT. THESE SATELLITES HAVE BEEN, AND ARE, THE BACKBONE OF OUR NATIONAL TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM, AND WILL BECOME EVEN MORE CRUCIAL AS WE ENTER THE ERA OF SUPER POWERS REQUIRING EXTENSIVE MONITORING AND VERIFICATION TREATIES.

FOR 43 YEARS VANDENBERG AND THE NORTHERN COUNTY HAVE SHARED A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP. THE COMMUNITY HAS WILLINGLY OPENED ITS DOORS TO ACCOMMODATE THE SOCIAL, CULTURAL, RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL, PHYSICAL, AND OTHER NEEDS OF THE AIR FORCE FAMILIES WHO LIVED IN THE COMMUNITY WHILE PERFORMING THEIR MISSION OF PROTECTING OUR NATION. OUR LIVES HAVE BEEN INTERTWINED, OUR PERSONAL LIVES CHANGED ON BOTH SIDES AS WE WORSHIPPED AND LIVED SIDE-BY-SIDE. WE HAVE NOT ONLY TAKEN THIS RESPONSIBILITY, WE HAVE GLADLY WELCOMED IT. THE AIR FORCE IS A PART OF OUR DAILY LIVES. WHEN YOU ASKED US TO OPEN OUR DOORS TO THE SPACE SHUTTLE, WE DID. WHEN THE HOPE FOR A WEST COAST FACILITY DIED WITH THE CHALLENGE TRAGEDY, WE MOURNED ITS LOSS WITH YOU.

NOW WE HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO DO OUR SHARE FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE. IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY WE WELCOME. I PERSONALLY SUPPORT THE PROPOSED MOVE OF SSD AND BMO TO VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE. SUCH A MOVE, PROVIDED ITS DONE WITH DUE REGARD TO ENVIRONMENTAL AND OTHER CONCERNS, INCLUDING WATER, HOUSING, AND OTHER SERVICES, WILL HELP OFF-SET THE LOSS OF JOBS WHICH RESULTED FROM CANCELLATION OF THE WEST COAST SPACE SHUTTLE LAUNCH PROGRAM. IT WOULD ALSO HELP OFF-SET ANY UNFORESEEN CUTS IN DEFENSE SPENDING, WHICH MAY OCCUR IN THE FUTURE. IN FACT, IN VIEW OF THOSE POTENTIAL CUTBACKS, IT WOULD MAKE SENSE TO CONSOLIDATE THE AIR FORCE MISSILE MISSION AT

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VANDENBERG, THE ONLY SITE FOR OPERATIONAL SETTING OF ICBM AND FOR LAUNCHING PAY LOADS, INCLUDING INTELLIGENCE SATELLITES, INTO DEEP SPACE POLAR ORBITS. VANDENBERG HAS THE ROOM AND THE CAPABILITY TO ADAPT TO THE SSD IN THAT NECESSARY HOUSING, SCHOOLS, AND OTHER SERVICES CAN BE PROVIDED ON BASE, WITH THE LOMPOC-SANTA MARIA AREAS ABSORBING THE OVERFLOW. THIS WOULD ALSO APPLY TO CONTRACTOR FAMILIES.

THIS EVENING YOU WILL HEAR FROM MANY SEGMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY. HOPEFULLY, WHEN THE EVENING IS FINISHED, YOU WILL HAVE RECEIVED A OVERALL PICTURE OF OUR HOPES, OUR DESIRES, AND OUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE THE NATIONAL DEFENSE NEEDS OF OUR NATION.

WE HAVE A SECOND GENERATION AIR FORCE COMMUNITY. MOST PEOPLE HERE DO NOT EVEN REMEMBER A TIME WHEN THE AIR FORCE WAS NOT A PART OF THE LIFE IN THE NORTH COUNTY; THEREFORE, I WELCOME YOU. NOT AS STRANGERS, BUT AS LONG TIME FRIENDS. I URGE YOU TO LISTEN TO OUR CONCERNS, AS I KNOW YOU WILL, AND I KNOW THAT YOU WILL FIND WE ARE READY, AS ALWAYS, TO WELCOME THE AIR FORCE AS GOOD NEIGHBORS AND WILLING PARTICIPANTS IN THE WORK OF DEFENDING OUR NATION AND OUR WAY OF LIFE.

THANK YOU.

COL. THOMPSON: NEXT IS PEGGY GOOD, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF STATE SENATOR GARY K. HART.

MS. GOOD: I AM PEGGY GOOD (1216 STATE STREET, SUITE 507, SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA 93101), FIELD REPRESENTATIVE FOR STATE SENATOR GARY K. HART. I'M HERE TO SUBMIT HIS TESTIMONY THIS EVENING ON HIS BEHALF.

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE A KEY INSTALLATION FOR OUR NATION'S DEFENSE AND SPACE PROGRAMS. IT IS CLEARLY AN IDEAL CITE FOR POSSIBLE RELOCATION OF A PORTION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. I URGE THAT VANDENBERG BE GIVEN PRIMARY CONSIDERATION FOR THE PROPOSED MOVE.

VANDENBERG HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PARTNER IN NORTHERN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FOR MANY. BESIDES NEW JOBS RESULTING FROM RELOCATION OF THESE PROGRAMS HERE, IT WOULD AID THE COMMUNITIES' EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN THE ECONOMIC STABILITY THAT IS SO VITAL TO PROTECTING THE OUTSTANDING QUALITY OF LIFE OF THIS AREA.

NORTH COUNTY COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY THE LOMPOC VALLEY, HAVE SUFFERED A NUMBER OF ECONOMIC SETBACKS IN RECENT YEARS DUE TO THE LOSS OF NEARLY 5,000 SHUTTLE RELATED JOBS.

FAMILY RELOCATING TO THE AREA WOULD CERTAINLY BE WELCOMED BY THE COMMUNITY.

I ALSO SUPPORT CAREFUL ANALYSES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AFFECTS OF THE RELOCATION THAT WILL HELP THE AIR FORCE AND THE COMMUNITY TO BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH ADDITIONAL GROWTH OUR AREA CAN REASONABLY SUSTAIN.

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AS STATE SENATOR OF THE 18TH DISTRICT, I URGE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION OF VANDENBERG AS THE NEW HOME FOR THIS MISSION.

I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY THE AIR FORCE HAS PROVIDED THE PUBLIC TO EXPRESS IT'S VIEWS.

SINCERELY, SENATOR GARY K. HART.

THANK YOU.

COL. THOMPSON: NEXT IS SUPERVISOR TORU HITOSHI.

MR. HITOSHI: THANK YOU, COLONEL. MY NAME IS TORU HITOSHI (301 EAST COOK STREET, SUITE D, SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA 93455), SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SUPERVISOR REPRESENTING THE 5TH DISTRICT.

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME AND MY COLLEAGUES THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK THIS EVENING ON THE POTENTIAL RELOCATION OF THE HEADQUARTERS SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION TO VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE.

AT THIS TIME, I WANT TO CLARIFY STATEMENTS

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WHICH WERE MADE ON MARCH 27TH BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING SESSION. AT THAT MEETING, THE AIR FORCE WAS REQUESTING ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT SHOULD THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION BE RELOCATED TO THE CENTRAL COAST. THE INFORMATION COMES PROVIDED BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OR STAFF OF THE COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT AND OUR MAY 1ST LETTER FROM THAT SAME OFFICE

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EXPRESSED POTENTIAL IMPACTS IN THE AREAS OF GROUNDWATER SUPPLY, TRAFFIC, HOUSING, AGRICULTURE, TO NAME A FEW. THE COUNTY INPUT APPROPRIATELY OFFERED IMPORTANT INFORMATION SO THAT THE AIR FORCE COULD COLLECT DATA PERTINENT FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT SIMILAR COMMENTING WILL ALSO BE OFFERED TO THE AIR FORCE IN THE MARCH 20TH LETTER FROM MR. GRAVES, A PRINCIPLE PLANER FOR THE CITY OF LOMPOC.

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THE COMMENTS BY SANTA BARBARA COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LOMPOC ARE BOTH, I BELIEVE, INFORMATIVE AND PROPER IN THE SCOPING. UNFORTUNATELY, SOME PEOPLE HAVE INTERPRETED THIS INPUT AS A SIGNAL THAT SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WOULD PREFER THAT THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION NOT BE RELOCATED TO VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE. I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THIS IS NOT THE CASE.

I WOULD, HOWEVER, LIKE TO ELABORATE ON COMMENTS MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN THAT THE CENTRAL COAST WOULD GREATLY BENEFIT FROM THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PROVIDED BY THE RELOCATION. WE SHOULD NOT, HOWEVER, IGNORE POTENTIAL IMPACTS IF 20,000 PLUS PEOPLE WERE TO RELOCATE TO THE CENTRAL COAST OVER A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

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I WAS PLEASED HEAR IN A SPEACH DELIVERED LAST WEEK BY CONGRESSMAN LAGOMARSINO THAT VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE HAS NOW BEEN MOVED TO FIRST FROM FIFTH PLACE FOR THE

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PRIORITIES LIST FOR THE LOCATION SITES. COMMENTS MADE BY AN AIR FORCE OFFICIAL WHICH PLACED VANDENBERG FIFTH ON A PRIORITY LIST WERE OBVIOUSLY INACCURATE.

I AM CONFIDENT THE AIR FORCE WILL WAIT UNTIL ALL PROPER DATA AND INFORMATION IS COLLECTED BEFORE MAKING A FINAL DECISION. THE AIR FORCE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENT AS THROUGH VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE HAVE THROUGH THE YEARS PROVIDED EXCELLENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE WHO RESIDE IN THE CENTRAL COAST AREA. THIS RELATIONSHIP HAS CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO OUR LOCAL ECONOMY. IT IS A RELATIONSHIP THAT I, AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE 5TH SUPERVISORY DISTRICT, WOULD LIKE TO SEE CONTINUED.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COL. THOMPSON: SUPERVISOR DIANE OWENS.

MS. OWENS: GOOD EVENING. I AM DIANE OWENS, 4TH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY. MY ADDRESS IS 401 EAST CYPRESS AVENUE IN LOMPOC (CALIFORNIA 93436), AND MY DISTRICT INCLUDES VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF THE PROPOSED RELOCATION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AND BALLISTIC SYSTEMS DIVISION FROM THE LOS ANGELES AREA TO VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE.

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CONTRARY TO WHAT HAS BEEN RECENTLY STATED IN OUR LOCAL PRESS WITH RESPECT TO THE COUNTY'S ROLE IN THIS

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PROCESS, I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND ALL HERE PRESENT THAT WE ARE JUST ONE OF THE MANY LOCAL ENTITIES WHO HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO ASK FOR INFORMATION AND PROVIDE INPUT TO ANY POTENTIAL ACTION WHICH WILL IMPACT, EVEN MINIMALLY, THE CITIZENS AND RESOURCES OF THIS COUNTY. TO ARRIVE AT THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE COUNTY WAS FIGHTING THE RELOCATION BASED ON OUR EFFORTS TO PROVIDE INPUT FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT DOCUMENT BACK IN MARCH IS BOTH RIDICULOUS AND TOTALLY INACCURATE.

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THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS THAT THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA WOULD HAVE BEEN REMISS IN NOT HAVING ASKED THAT THESE ISSUES BE ADDRESSED THE IN ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT TO BE DRAFTED BY THE AIR FORCE. IT IS STANDARD PROCEDURE WHEN A MAJOR PROJECT IS BEING STUDIED.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY HAS ALWAYS VALUED THE GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP ESTABLISHED WITH VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A CONTINUATION OF THIS MUTUAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION. WE ASK THAT FULL CONSIDERATION AND REVIEW BE GIVEN TO THE COMMENTS EXPRESSED HERE TONIGHT, AND WE ARE ENCOURAGED THAT THE AIR FORCE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT WRITTEN PUBLIC INPUT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 24TH; AND WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO DO THAT.

THE INFORMATION THAT HAS NOW BEEN MADE AVAILABLE IN THE DRAFT INDICATES THAT THIS AREA COULD SUPPORT, AND WOULD BENEFIT FROM, A RELOCATION OF SOME OF

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THE UNIT IN QUESTION. I WOULD SUPPORT SUCH A MOVEMENT, AND WOULD ENCOURAGE THE OTHER SUPERVISORS TO DO SO, ALSO.

I HOPE NOW THAT YOU WILL ENSURE THAT THIS MEETING HAS NOT BEEN IN VAIN AND THAT YOU WILL ENSURE THAT A SUBSTANTIAL RELOCATION DOES, IN FACT, OCCUR.

AT THIS POINT, I HAD INTENDED TO INTRODUCE OUR COUNTY STAFF PERSON, WHO WAS GOING TO PROVIDE THE TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. HE IS ILL, HOWEVER, AND THEREFORE, WE WILL BE SUBMITTING THAT *TESTIMONY IN* WRITING BY SEPTEMBER 24TH.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COL. THOMPSON: NEXT I'LL RECOGNIZE MAYOR MARVIN LOMEY OF THE CITY OF LOMPOC.

MR. LOMEY: THANK YOU, COLONEL THOMPSON, DISTINGUISHED PANEL. (MARVIN LOMEY, 100 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA 93436.) I THINK I'LL BE SPEAKING TONIGHT MOSTLY IN REGARD TO THE LOCAL ECONOMIC IMPACTS.

I HAVE PERSONALLY READ THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT. I'M VERY INTERESTED IN THIS. I WILL READ A *RESOLUTION IN* REGARD TO AN *ACTION* TAKEN BY THE PRESENTLY FOUR-MEMBER CITY COUNSEL.

A RESOLUTION IS THE CITY'S MOST AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT IN SUCH CASES.

WHEREAS THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE IS CONSIDERING RELOCATING ADDITIONAL AIR FORCE ACTIVITIES TO

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, AND;

WHEREAS THE CITIZENS OF THE LOMPOC VALLEY HAVE A LONG TERM HISTORY OF SUPPORTING OF THE VANDENBERG MISSION, AND;

WHEREAS THE CITY OF LOMPOC HAS SUFFERED ECONOMICALLY FROM LOSS OF OVER 5,000 JOBS AT VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE DUE TO THE CANCELLATION OF THE *SPACE SHUTTLE* PROGRAM AT VANDENBERG, AND;

WHEREAS LOMPOC HAS A CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING SERVICES TO EMPLOYEES OF VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE AND WHEREAS THE CITY OF LOMPOC HAS ADEQUATE PLANNED UTILITY SERVICES TO SUPPORT EXISTING AND FUTURE POPULATION, AND;

WHEREAS LOMPOC OFFERS AN OUTSTANDING QUALITY OF LIFE AND RECREATION AMENITIES, AND;

WHEREAS ADEQUATE HOUSING RESOURCES ARE *AVAILABLE IN LOMPOC AND SURROUNDING* THE COMMUNITIES AT AFFORDABLE PRICES TO SERVE ADDITIONAL RESIDENTS.

AND NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNSEL OF THE CITY OF LOMPOC DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

ONE, IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITIZENS OF LOMPOC THAT ADDITIONAL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND RELATED CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES BE ASSIGNED TO VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE TO COMPENSATE FOR THE LOSS OF OVER 5,000 JOBS DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS. THE CITY OF LOMPOC ASSURES

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THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE OF OUR FULL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE IN THE RELOCATION OF ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE.

THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE ON IT'S ADOPTION WITH A TOTAL AND UNANIMOUS VOTE BEFORE THE FOUR-MEMBER COUNSEL -- WE HAVE ONE VACANCY.

THANK YOU.

THE COURT: NEXT IS VICE MAYOR J. D. SMITH OF THE CITY OF LOMPOC.

MR. SMITH: COLONEL, MY NAME IS J. D. SMITH (100 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA 93436). I AM A MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNSEL OF THE CITY OF LOMPOC CALIFORNIA. AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LOMPOC IN SUPPORT OF THE RELOCATION OF ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AND PERSONNEL TO THE VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE.

AT THE TIME THE SPACE SHUTTLE PROGRAM AT VANDENBERG WAS SUSPENDED FOLLOWING THE CHALLENGER TRAGEDY, I PERSONALLY, ALONG WITH THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND OTHER COUNTY LEADERS, WENT TO WASHINGTON D. C. TO OBTAIN SUPPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES FOR RELOCATING THE PORT ORD BASE PROGRAM AT VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE. ALTHOUGH NOT SUCCESSFUL IN THIS EFFORT, IT WAS INDICATED THAT OTHER PROGRAMS WERE EXPECTED TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE FUTURE FOR VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE.

WITH THE LOSS OF OVER 5,000 JOBS AT VANDENBERG, THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE CITY OF LOMPOC HAD BEEN GREATER THAN ANTICIPATED. WE THINK THAT THE FUTURE IS NOW, AND THAT IT IS TIMELY AND PROPER TO CONSIDER LOCATING ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AND PERSONNEL AT VANDENBERG.

THE CITY OF LOMPOC HAS FOR MANY YEARS SUPPORTED AIR FORCE PROGRAMS BY PROVIDING ADEQUATE HOUSING, UTILITIES, AND SERVICES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF AN EVER-CHANGING MILITARY PROGRAM AND MISSION AT VANDENBERG. WE HAVE AN OUTSTANDING RELATIONSHIP WITH VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, AND WE ARE PROUD OF THE HERITAGE THAT VANDENBERG SHARES WITH OUR COMMUNITY.

WE BELIEVE THAT LOMPOC AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY HOUSING AND OTHER SERVICES, AND WE URGE YOUR FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION AND SUPPORT OF A DECISION TO SELECT VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE AS A SITE FOR THE PROPOSED PROGRAM RELOCATIONS.

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THANK YOU.

COL. THOMPSON: NEXT IS THOMAS B. URBANEK, MAYOR PRO TEM OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA.

MR. URBANEK: GOOD EVENING, GENTLEMEN. I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THIS PANEL.

I'M THOMAS B. URBANEK, 133 ROYAL IN SANTA MARIA (CALIFORNIA 93454) AND I'M REALLY THE SUBSTITUTE FOR

THE HONORABLE GEORGE HOBE, WHO, UNFORTUNATELY, HAD AN OPERATION -- AND IS JUST RECUPERATING FROM IT VERY WELL, IN FACT, FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED. I'M ASSUMING ALL YOU KNOW GEORGE WAS GOING TO DO IT THAT WAY, ANYWAY, FOR SURE.

I'M ALSO ACCOMPANIED HERE BY OUR CITY ADMINISTRATOR, WAYNE SNAPPEL, AND TWO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNSEL, BOB CRAG AND DAN FOR.

AS A PERSONAL NOTE, I CAME HERE IN 1961 AND I WAS ONE OF THE PEOPLE THAT WAS ONE OF THOSE THAT ARE ATTRACTED BY THE MULTIPLIER EFFECTS OF VANDENBERG. WHEN THE BASE EXPANDED IN THE LATE 50'S -- I CAME IN '61 AS A TEACHER SERVING THE BABY CHILDREN WHO HAVE COME TO THIS AREA BECAUSE OF THE INCREASE IN POPULATION. AND I'VE NOTICED THE TREMENDOUS GROWTH AND A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE BASE AND THE PEOPLE THAT HAS MATURED INTO A TREMENDOUS SYMBOLIC RELATIONSHIP THAT OTHER SPEAKERS HAVE ALLUDED TO EARLIER AND ONE THAT WE CAN ALL BE PROUD OF.

AND IN KEEPING WITH THAT, THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA HAS UNANIMOUSLY -- CITY COUNSEL -- HAS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED A RESOLUTION WHICH IS REALLY SORT OF DEVOID OF A LOT OF HYPERBOLE THAT YOU MIGHT GET FROM PEOPLE WHO DO NOT KNOW OTHER PEOPLE VERY WELL AND ARE TRYING THEIR BEST TO ATTRACT THEM.

WE WANT TO GIVE YOU THE FACTS AS BEST WE CAN

SO THAT YOU CAN MAKE A DECISION WHICH, I'M SURE, WILL HELP US BOTH. AND I'LL READ THE RESOLUTION NUMBER 96-125 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY; INCLUDING THE MAYOR -- HE WAS THERE BEFORE THE OPERATION.

WHEREAS THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BASE SYSTEMS DIVISION HAS ANNOUNCED THE PROPOSED RELOCATION FROM LOS ANGELES, AND;

WHEREAS THE CITY SANTA MARIA HAS PLANNED FOR FUTURE EXPANSION OF IT'S INFRASTRUCTURE, AND;

WHEREAS THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA HAS THE ABILITY TO ADD 6,484 MORE UNITS WITHIN IT'S PRESENT CORPORATION BOUNDARIES;

WHEREAS THE CITY HAS 2,816 IN VARIOUS STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION OR DISTRICT REVIEW;

WHEREAS THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA AND THE ORHA AREA SHOULD APPROXIMATELY HAVE 700 DWELLING UNITS FOR SALE, BASED ON THE LATEST MULTIPLE LISTING, AND;

WHEREAS THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA WILL REQUIRE TO A NEW ANNEXATION OF 1,700 ACRES AS A PRIMARY FOCUS OF FUTURE GROWTH, AND;

WHEREAS THIS EXTENDED AREA WOULD ALLOW THE ABILITY TO ADD UP TO 7,000 ADDITIONAL DWELLING UNITS, AND;

WHEREAS THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA HAS OVER 1,800 HOTEL ROOMS THAT WOULD ACCOMMODATE AN INFLUX OF WORKERS AND FAMILIES, AND;

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WHEREAS THE URBAN AREA NORTH OF AND OTHER CORPORATE ENTITIES NORTH HAVE GROWTH POTENTIAL OF VARYING DEGREES, AND;

WHEREAS THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN SANTA MARIA VALLEY IS AN OUTSTANDING RELOCATION OPPORTUNITY AND THE CENTRAL COAST ARE LIMITLESS, NOW IT BE RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNSEL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA HEREBY EXPRESSES IT'S STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE PORTION RELOCATION OF THE AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND RELATED CIVILIAN PERSONNEL FROM THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE TO VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE TO HELP COMPENSATE FOR THE LOSS OF OVER 5,000 JOBS AT VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS.

AND THAT'S THE END OF THE RESOLUTION.

I'D ALSO LIKE TO ADD THAT I'M SURE YOU'LL FIND OUR STAFF IS EXCELLENT STAFF TO WORK WITH. THEY HAVE A LOT OF FIGURES; WE'RE IN THE MIDST OF THIS BIG ANNEXATION STUDY. I'M SURE THAT IT WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH ALL THE NECESSARY THINGS THAT YOU NEED.

THERE WAS ALSO A LETTER THAT ACCOMPANIED THIS RESOLUTION, WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN PRESENTED TO THE PANEL, AND IT TALKS ABOUT SOME OF THE OTHER FACTS AND FIGURES THAT WILL BE NEEDED FOR YOUR EVALUATION IN YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME.

COL. THOMPSON: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I'M FLABBERGASTED. I'VE NEVER SEEN A GROUP OF ELECTED OFFICIALS BE AS BRIEF AND BE AS SUCCINCT AND DIRECT AND TO THE POINT. EITHER YOU ARE EXTRAORDINARILY FAVORED IN THIS AREA, OR IT'S JUST THE LUCK OF THE DRAW; I DON'T KNOW WHICH. I WISH I COULD GET COUNSEL IN MY COURT TO PROCEED IN THE SAME FASHION.

IN JUST A MINUTE, I'M GOING TO CALL A BRIEF RECESS. AFTER THAT RECESS, I'M GOING TO RECOGNIZE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT LARGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING STATEMENTS. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE THE EXAMPLE OF YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS.

AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, I'M GOING TO RECOGNIZE PEOPLE ONLY ON THE BASIS OF THE ATTENDANCE CARDS THAT YOU SUBMIT INDICATING AN INTEREST IN MAKING A STATEMENT. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY SUBMITTED A CARD AND YOU WISH TO DO THAT AND YOU WISH TO SPEAK, THEN PLEASE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY AT THE RECESS TO DO THAT.

I THINK WE ALREADY HAVE IN EXCESS OF 30 CARDS, WHICH IS PROBABLY -- IF EVERYBODY TAKES FIVE MINUTES -- IS GOING TO TAKE US TO OR BEYOND THE TIME LIMIT TONIGHT.

WE WILL BE IN RECESS UNTIL 8:25.

(WHEREUPON A RECESS WAS TAKEN.)

COL. THOMPSON: THE HEARING WILL COME TO ORDER.

WE DID INADVERTENTLY OMIT ONE ELECTED OFFICIAL AND I TRUST THAT HE WILL CARRY ON THE IN THE GRAND TRADITION.

MR. BURT FUGATE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SANTA MARIA AIRPORT DISTRICT.

MR. FUGATE: THANK YOU, COLONEL. MEMBERS OF THE DISTINGUISHED HEARING PANEL. I'M BERT FUGATE (P. O. BOX 365, SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA 93456), PRESIDENT AND A DIRECTOR OF THE SANTA MARIA PUBLIC AIRPORT DISTRICT, WHO ARE THE OPERATORS OF THE AERONAUTICAL FACILITIES AT SANTA MARIA. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COMMENT TIME TO THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND TO IDENTIFY SIGNIFICANT LOCAL RESOURCES THAT MAY HELP FOCUS ON THE ADVANTAGES OF VANDENBERG AS A SITE FOR THE BMO AND SSD RELOCATIONS.

OTHERS APPEARING BEFORE YOU HAVE COMMENTED ON THE LOCAL CONCERNS OF ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING; HOWEVER, MY COMMENTS TO YOU WILL HIGHLIGHT THE RESOURCES OF THE SANTA MARIA PUBLIC AIRPORT DISTRICT AND HOW THEY MIGHT BE BENEFICIAL AS A SUPPORT TO YOUR PERSONNEL AND THEIR TRAVEL NEEDS.

THE SANTA MARIA AIRPORT IS A WELL-DESIGNED, 2,500 ACRE, AERONAUTICAL FACILITY SERVING THE TRAVELING PUBLIC OF THE CENTRAL COAST REGION. THE MAIN LEVEL OF THIS SEA LEVEL FACILITY IS 6,300 FEET. IT IS STRUCTURED WITH THE CAPACITY OF 355,000 OPERATIONS ANNUALLY, AND IS

PRESENTLY OPERATING AT APPROXIMATELY ONE-THIRD OF THAT LEVEL OF CAPACITY.

THE MAJOR COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC GENERATED AT SANTA MARIA IS BOUND FOR LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO, AND LAS VEGAS, AS WITH CONNECTIONS TO NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS. APPROXIMATELY 20 ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES ARE CONDUCTED FROM SANTA MARIA DAILY, SERVING A WIDE RANGE OF INTERCONNECTING FLIGHTS SCHEDULED WITH UNITED, DELTA, AND AMERICAN AIR LINES.

OUR TERMINAL AND GROUND FACILITIES HAVE LARGE UNUSED CAPACITIES. EARLY PLANNING HAS BEEN COMPLETED TO ENHANCE BAGGAGE HANDLING AND THE TERMINAL AREA EXPANSION TO COMPLIMENT THE FUEL FLIGHT OPERATIONS CAPACITY.

WE INVITE YOUR FURTHER EXAMINATION TO CONFIRM THE ADEQUACY OF THIS AERONAUTICAL FACILITY TO MEET THE COMMERCIAL AVIATION SCHEDULING NEED OF THOSE INVOLVED IN YOUR BMO AND SSD RELOCATION. WE WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE AIR SERVICE TO ALL USERS.

BEYOND THE AERONAUTICAL NEEDS, SANTA MARIA AIRPORT IS CURRENTLY IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW PROCESS FOR THE SANTA MARIA RESEARCH PARK PROJECT. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THIS PROJECT WILL INCLUDE A STATE-OF-THE-ART LIGHT INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH PARK OF APPROXIMATELY 300 ACRES. WE HAVE DESIGNED THIS PARK TO SERVE THE ANTICIPATED TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT NEEDS OF THE

FUTURE. I WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT OFF-SITE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR YOUR RELOCATED BMO AND SSD ACTIVITIES IN THE VANDENBERG AREA COULD BE ESTABLISHED IN THIS CAMPUS-SETTING ADJACENT TO OUR AERONAUTICAL FACILITY.

ADDITIONALLY, TWO 18-HOLE MUNICIPAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALITY GOLF COURSES ARE PART OF THE OVERALL 730 ACRE PARK PROJECT THAT WILL PROVIDE AN AUXILLIARY BENEFIT TO PERSONNEL INCLUDED IN YOUR RELOCATION.

IN SUMMARY, SANTA MARIA AIRPORTS VALUABLE COMMUNITY RESOURCE AVAILABLE TO COMPLIMENT OTHER COMMUNITY RESOURCES THAT YOU WILL REQUIRE. WE SINCERELY INVITE YOU

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THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN.

COL. THOMPSON: *WE WILL NOW MOVE TO THE PUBLIC INPUT* PERIOD. BEFORE I GO THAT, I'D LIKE TO REMIND YOU HAVE A COUPLE OF POINT THAT I STRESSED EARLIER. FIRST IS THE FIVE MINUTE TIME LIMIT. THE SECOND, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU DO STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS CLEARLY FOR THE RECORD BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR STATEMENT SO THAT THAT CAN BE NOTED IN THE RECORD BY OUR COURT REPORTER.

IF YOU BROUGHT A PREPARED STATEMENT YOU MAY TURN IT IN OR READ IT ALOUD. NOW, IF YOU DO READ YOUR

REPAIRED STATEMENT WE WOULD ANT THAT YOU PROVIDE US WITH A COPY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RECORD. WRITTEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS WILL ALSO BECOME A PART OF THE RECORD AND WILL RECEIVE EQUAL CONSIDERATION. IF YOU DO TURN IN WRITTEN COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS, PLEASE NOTE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON YOUR COMMENT OR QUESTION.

AGAIN, THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO SOLICIT INPUT FROM PUBLIC AGENCIES FROM PRIVATE ORGANIZATION AND FROM THE PUBLIC AS AT LARGE ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. THE AIR FORCE REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAVE COME HERE TONIGHT ARE NOT THE DECISION MAKERS ON THIS PROPOSED ACTION. THEY HAVE PROVIDED YOU WITH INFORMATION ON THE PROCESS AND ARE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT THE PROJECT HOWEVER WE CAN'T ENTER INTO A DEBATE WITH YOU ON THE PROS AND CONS OF THE PROPOSED ACTION. ALSO REMEMBER THAT THE PURPOSE OF OUR MEETING IS TO SOLICIT INPUT ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT SO PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES WHICH ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSALS.

TO AVOID REPETITION AND TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT YOU AVOID REPETITIVE STATEMENTS. IF YOU SIMPLY AGREE WITH THE COMMENTS OR STATEMENTS OF AN EARLIER SPEAKER, IT'S PERFECTLY OKAY JUST TO SAY THAT. AS I'VE INDICATED, I'M

GOING TO CALL ON IN RANDOM ORDER, BASED ON A DRAWING OF THE COMMENT CARDS THAT YOU HAVE SUBMITTED.

NOW WHAT I'M GOING TO DO IS I WILL CALL TWO NAMES AT ONCE IN ORDER TO SAVE US A LITTLE TIME. THE FIRST NAME I'LL CALL WILL BE THE SPEAKER THAT I'M GOING TO RECOGNIZE FIRST AND THE NEXT NAME THAT I WILL CALL WILL BE THE NEXT SPEAKER TO BE RECOGNIZED AFTER THE FIRST HAS COMPLETED HIS OR HER PRESENTATION.

FIRST TO BE RECOGNIZED IS CASY COELHO, TO BE FOLLOWED BY WALTER LEWIS. CASEY COELHO.

MS. COELHO: I PASS.

COL. THOMPSON: OKAY. WALTER LEWIS. AND MR. LEWIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY DONALD F. BETS.

MR. LEWIS: MY NAME IS WALTER LEWIS. I LIVE AT 1171 ONSTOTT ROAD IN LOMPOC (CALIFORNIA 93436).

I'M A LONG TIME RESIDENT. I WAS RAISED HERE. IN FACT, SOUTH VANDENBERG GATE IS WHERE OUR DAIRY USED TO BE.

I'M RETIRED, SO I HAVE NO AX TO GRIND. AND ACTUALLY MY LIFESTYLE WOULD NOT CHANGE WHETHER THE BASE COMES OR GOES, BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT LOMPOC AND VANDENBERG REALLY ARE NOT TWO ENTITIES. THEY ARE ONE ENTITY. LOMPOC IS A CREATION OF VANDENBERG AS IT NOW EXISTS, SO ANYTHING THAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP OR TO HURT IT IS REALLY YOUR RELATIVES THAT YOUR WORKING ON, AND KEEP

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THAT IN MIND.

COL. THOMPSON: NEXT IS MR. DONALD F. BETS, TO BE FOLLOWED BY CHUCK PERGLEA. I'M SORRY IF I'M MISPRONOUNCING THAT.

MR. BETS.

MR. BETS: GOOD EVENING, GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS DON BETS, 1813 SEQUOIA WAY IN SANTA MARIA (CALIFORNIA 93454). I'M A LOCAL BUSINESSMAN.

I SERVE ON SEVERAL COMMITTEES WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, I'M THE DIRECTOR ON THE SANTA MARIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, AND AGREE WITH MANY OTHER PEOPLE HERE TONIGHT.

I FELT SOMEWHAT REMISS IN THE EARLIER SCOPING MEETING NOT BEING PRESENT TO EXPRESS A VERY POSITIVE AND FAVORABLE ATTITUDE OF OUR COMMUNITY TOWARD THE AIR FORCE'S CONSIDERATION FOR RELOCATION OF ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO THE AREA.

QUITE FRANKLY, MANY OF US LOOK FORWARD TO A GROWTH IN THE PERSONNEL AT VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE. WE THINK THAT THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT THE PEOPLE OF VANDENBERG MAKE OUR COMMUNITY ARE VERY, VERY POSITIVE. WE ANTICIPATE THE GROWTH IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF LIFE IN A COMMUNITY. THE OPPOSITE OF GROWTH IN OUR VIEW IS DEATH. AND WHAT WE LIKE IS THE CONSIDERATION FOR PLAN ANTICIPATED GROWTH THAT BRINGS WITH IT SOME MATURITY AND THE KIND OF PERSONNEL THAT

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WE WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT MIGHT BE RELOCATED TO OUR AREA ARE THE KINDS OF PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP OUR COMMUNITY GROW AND MATURE.

WITH RESPECT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES THAT ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION, I THINK THAT MAYOR PRO TEM URBANSKE' COMMENTS SHOULD BE TAKEN UNDER SERIOUS CONSIDERATION, THE COMMUNITY OF SANTA MARIA, BOTH INCORPORATED AND UNINCORPORATED, INCLUDES MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE A GREAT VISION OF THE FUTURE FOR PLANNED, CONTROLLED GROWTH TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THIS AREA. AND THE ACTIONS OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA TO BOTH EXPAND THE PLANT AND THE FACILITY TO MAINTAIN IT AT A HIGH QUALITY LEVEL. I INVITE TO YOU DRIVE THROUGH THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA AND SEE THE MAINTENANCE OF OUR ROADS AND OUR PUBLIC BUILDINGS. I THINK THAT ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE POSITIVE INFLUENCE AND A POSITIVE STATEMENT THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO WELCOME ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO OUR COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU.

COL. THOMPSON: NEXT IS MR. PERGLEA --

MR. PERGLEA: PERGLEA.

COL. THOMPSON: -- TO BE FOLLOWED BY MR. FRANK ABBOTT.

MR. PERGLEA: (CHUCK PERGLEA) I LIVE AT 816 WEST PIR AVENUE IN LOMPOC (CALIFORNIA 93436). I HATE TO BE THE BORE UNDER THE SADEL, BUT I CAN'T AGREE THAT THIS IS A GOOD

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THING FOR LOMPOC OR THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.

ONE OF THE THINGS WE HAVE HERE RIGHT NOW AS A RIGHT IS OUR ABILITY TO BREATHE CLEAR CLEAN AIR, HAVE OPEN SPACES, AND GET AROUND WITHOUT INORDINATE AMOUNTS OF TRAFFIC. IF WE SEE THIS DEVELOPMENT OCCUR THAT IS PROPOSED, I FEEL THAT THESE RIGHTS WOULD BE ERODED INTO PRIVILEGES, PRIVILEGES WILL BE DEGRADED TO THE POINT WHERE WE SUFFER AIR WITH EXCEEDED LEVELS OF OZONE, NOXIDES, BOTS, YOU NAME IT. I PERCEIVE IT AS A GENERAL DEGRADATION OF THIS AREA.

THE LAST SPEAKER MADE A STATEMENT THAT THE QUALITY OF LIFE WILL BE ENHANCED. I'M NOT SURE WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE QUALITY OF LIFE WE HAVE RIGHT NOW. I FEEL VERY PRIVILEGED TO LIVE IN THIS COMMUNITY AS IT IS.

ONE OF THE THINGS ADDRESSED -- YOU ALL HAVE ADDRESSED STATE WATER -- IS PERHAPS HELPING THIS MOVE ALONG, STATE WATER IS ANOTHER BAD IDEA. STATE WATER AND THE RELOCATION OF RESOURCES FROM L.A. JUST ACTS AS A CENTER, JUST A CATALYST FOR A BAD IDEA.

YOU ARE ADDRESSING ENDANGERED SPECIES IN YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. YOU SHOULDN'T FOCUS STRICTLY ON ENDANGERED SPECIES, THEY ARE ONLY CORNERSTONES, THEY ARE BAROMETERS FOR THE HEALTH AND STATE OF THE VARIOUS ECOSYSTEMS WE HAVE AROUND HERE.

AS EVERY ONE IS LEGAL AWARE OF, WE HAVE A

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RATHER UNIQUE COMMUNITY HERE, FROM THE FLORA AND FAUNA ASSETS, THERE AGAIN WOULD BE DEGRADED WITH IT'S INFLUX OF 27,000 PLUS PEOPLE. I FIND THAT MIND BOGGLING. PEOPLE ARE BLIND. I THINK THEY'RE LOOKING AT THE SHORT TERM ECONOMIC GAINS AND THEY'RE NOT LOOKING AT THE DEGRADATION OF QUALITY OF LIFE.

THANK YOU.

COL. THOMPSON: NEXT IS MR. FRANK ABBOTT --

MR. ABBOTT: PASS.

COL. THOMPSON: -- TO BE FOLLOWED BY MR. ROBERT E. LEE -- NOW THERE'S A NAME I CAN RELATE TO -- MR. LEE. MR. JIN WESTON, TO BE FOLLOWED BY MIRA KIM.

MR. WESTON: GENTLEMEN, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK BEFORE YOU TONIGHT. MY NAME IS JIN WESTON. I LIVE HERE IN THE VANDENBERG VILLAGE (100 GALAXY WAY, LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA 93436). I'M THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SANTA MARIA ECONOMY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY.

I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THE AIR FORCES RECENT EFFORTS TO RELOCATE MAJOR FORCES TO THE PERSIAN GULF AREA MAY PALE BY COMPARISON WITH THE PROCESS AND THE GYRATIONS YOU'LL HAVE TO GO THROUGH TO DEAL WITH SANTA BARBARA COUNTY.

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WELCOME YOU, AND WE ASK YOU TO HANG TOUGH. 15.10

COL. THOMPSON: MR. LEE.

MR. LEE: I'M ROBERT E. LEE. I LIVE AT 131 WEST L STREET, LOMPOC (CALIFORNIA 93436).

I HADN'T INTENDED TO SPEAK TONIGHT, OR SAY ANYTHING. BUT, I CAME HERE IN 1958. I WAS MILITARY. I RETIRED IN '71. I CHOSE LOMPOC AS MY HOME AFTER RETIREMENT. I'M STILL HERE.

THE GROWTH OF THE COMMUNITY I HAVE SEEN GO FROM A POPULATION OF ABOUT 5,000 TO OUR PRESENT 32,000. I'VE SEEN SANTA MARIA GROW, AND I WELCOME YOU PEOPLE ABOARD. 15.10

COL. THOMPSON: NEXT IS MIRA KIM TO BE FOLLOWED BY ADOLPH F. SHERER?

MS. KIM: MY NAME IS MIRA KIM, AT 2123 HAMLET DRIVE IN LOMPOC (CALIFORNIA 93436). AND I AM A SMALL-STORE OWNER IN LOMPOC, AND ALSO ENGAGE IN REAL ESTATE BUSINESS.

I'M TALKING ON BEHALF OF MANY PEOPLE THAT I CONTACTED IN OUR BUSINESS. THE MAJORITY OF THE LOMPOC PEOPLE ARE A VERY WELCOMING ALL THESE FACILITIES, AND THE REASON IS THAT VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE HAS, I WAS UNDERSTOOD, THAT HAS ALL THE FACILITIES CAN BE MODIFIED. WE HAVE LOMPOC AND SANTA MARIA, TWO CITIES, CAN ABSORB ALL THESE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT. AND I WAS UNDERSTOOD WHEREVER YOU GO, YOU'LL HAVE THOSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT. AND THIS 15.10

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IS MY SPEECH. IDEAL LOCATION, IN MY OPINION. I'M TALKING NOT ONLY BECAUSE MY PERSONAL INTEREST, BUT ALSO OTHER PEOPLES INTEREST IN LOMPOC AREA. 15.10

THANK YOU.

COL. THOMPSON: ADOLF F. SHERER TO BE FOLLOWED BY J. H. SPICER.

MR. SHERER: MY NAME IS ADOLF SHERER. I LIVE AT 1510 SHALLOW ON STREET IN SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA (93454).

I'M A PARENT LIVING IN THIS AREA. I MOVED UP HERE BY CHOICE. I WAS BORN IN LOS ANGELES, LIVED AROUND THE AIR FORCE BASE AND COULD NOT BY A HOME DOWN THERE, COULD NOT AFFORD TO LIFE IN THAT AREA, AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE WAS NOT FIT FOR RAISING A FAMILY. WE MOVED UP TO THIS AREA. LIKE A NECK OF A LOT, I THINK IT'S A GREAT PLACE FOR THE FAMILIES TO RELOCATE, TO MOVE UP HERE.

WE HAVE A LOT OF ADVANTAGES THAT THE REST OF THE OTHER AREAS, I DON'T BELIEVE, OFFER. WE'RE ON COASTAL CLIMATE. WE HAVE A LOT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY HERE. GREAT ACCESS UP AND DOWN THE COAST. AND I THINK IT WOULD BE WELL LIKED BY YOUR PEOPLE DOWN THERE, THAT WOULD APPRECIATE MOVING UP TO THIS AREA, OTHER THAN THOSE OTHER SPOTS. 15.10

THANK YOU

COL. THOMPSON: MR. SPICER WILL BE FOLLOWED BY BOB HANNING.

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MR. SPICER: THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN, FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. (J. H. SPICER, 528 SOUTH O ROAD, LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA 93436-7820.)

THERE ARE A COUPLE OF THINGS IN YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP THAT I THINK COULD BE LOOKED AT A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY.

NUMBER ONE WOULD BE ON STATE WATER. WE DO NEED STATE WATER HERE. THAT'S THE FIRST THING TO BRING UP. THE TOTAL THAT THE AIR FORCE BASE ALREADY HAS FOR STATE WATER IS ONE WAY OF MITIGATING ONE OF THE PROBLEMS YOU HAVE WITH WATER RESOURCES. 10.28

THE OTHER ONE IS THE PEOPLE THAT YOU WOULD BE TRANSFERRING UP HERE, IF THAT BASE DOWN THERE HAS WATER ENTITLEMENTS, THEY COULD BE REVERTED TO THIS AREA TO HELP ALLEVIATE THAT PROBLEM. WE'VE ALREADY CUT BACK AROUND THIS AREA ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF WATER, SO I THINK WE COULD TAKE CARE OF A 23 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE AREA. 10.29

WE HAVE ALREADY LOST 5,000 JOBS IN THIS AREA. I FEEL THAT THE AIR QUALITY WOULD NOT BE IMPACTED BY THE NUMBERS YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT QUITE EXTENSIVELY. 11.3

THE BURTON MESA CHAPARRAL AND THE UNARMORED STICKLEBACK, THINGS LIKE THAT, I THINK WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT IS ENDANGERED SPECIES BECOMING US.

THANK YOU.

COL. THOMPSON: MR. HANNING WILL BE FOLLOWED BY

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MR. R. A. HULME.

MR. MANNING: I'M ROBERT F. MANNING. I LIVE AT 628 SAINT ANDREW WAY IN THE VILLAGE (LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA 93436). I'M HERE AS A PRESIDENT OF THE LOMPOC VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE AIR FORCE TAKE THE FOLLOWING FACTORS INTO ACCOUNT WHEN CONSIDERING THE MOVE OF EITHER THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION, BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION OR BOTH TO VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE.

FIRST OF ALL, THE LOMPOC VALLEY CONTINUES TO SUFFER ECONOMICALLY FROM THE LOSS OF NUMEROUS JOBS AT VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS THAT HAVE BEEN MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY. THE LOMPOC VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, ALONG WITH THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND CITIZENS, HAVE CONSISTENTLY BEEN SUPPORTING VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE MISSION AND OUR ONGOING COMMITMENT TO THE EMPLOYEES AT THE BASE REMAIN STRONG.

THE CITY OF LOMPOC HAS ASURED PREVIOUSLY THAT THE PLANNED UTILITY UPGRADES SERVES TO SUPPORT THE FUTURE GROWTH AND POPULATION. THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE LOMPOC VALLEY IS EXCELLENT, BUT ADEQUATE HOUSING AND AFFORDABLE PRICES, ALONG WITH A MYRIAD OF RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, MAKE VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE THE MOST LOGICAL PLACE TO MOVE SSD OR SMC.

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, OBVIOUSLY, IS THE

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SOLE LOCATION FOR TESTING OUR NATION'S BALLISTIC MISSILES, AND HAS THE OTHER CAPABILITY OF LAUNCHING POLAR ORBITING SATELLITES. THE LOMPOC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS NATURALLY CONCERNED IN THE SUDDEN INCREASE POPULATION, HOWEVER, WE FEEL THE COMMUNITY CAN SUPPORT NATURAL GROWTH AND PART OF THE GROWTH DUE TO THE PROPOSED RELOCATION.

CERTAINLY WE UNDERSTAND THAT EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT MUST BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION, AS IT'S IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

THE LOMPOC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SUPPORTS THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE IN THE RELOCATION OF ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE WITH OUR FULL COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE, AND WE WILL PROVIDE WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT BY THE 24TH OF SEPTEMBER. 15.10

THANK YOU.

COL. THOMPSON: MR. HULME WILL BE FOLLOWED BY RICK LEADBETTER.

MR. HULME: GOOD EVENING, GENTLEMEN. MY NAME I- DICK HULME. I'M SPEAKING AS PRESIDENT OF INC. I LIVE AT 2263 CRYSTAL DRIVE, SANTA MARIA (CALIFORNIA 93455).

WHAT I'VE REFERRED TO AS INC IS A NON-PROFIT, BROAD-BASED COALITION OF COMMISSIONS TO THE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT OF THE NORTH SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, AND TO SEE THAT NORTHERN COUNTY OBTAINS ITS FAIR SHARE OF THE BENEFITS 15.10

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TO THE COUNTY AND REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR COMMITTEE ARE SOME 100 PEOPLE THAT ARE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THE RELOCATION OF SSD AND SMC, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, TO THE VANDENBERG FACILITY. 15.10

WHILE WE APPRECIATE THE COMPLEXITIES OF SUCH A MOVE AND THE RESULTANT IMPACTS ON THE COMMUNITIES AND THE ENVIRONMENTS, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THIS PROJECT CAN BE APPROACHED WITH AN OPEN MIND. WE'RE CONVINCED THAT ANY SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS CAN BE ADEQUATELY MITIGATED, AND WE WISH TO WHOLE HEARTEDLY ENCOURAGE YOU AND WELCOME YOUR EFFORTS IN SOLVING THESE PROBLEMS IN A SATISFYING MANNER.

INC STANDS READY TO ASSIST IN THE PROCESS IN WHATEVER POSITIVE WAY WE MAY.

THANK YOU FOR MAINTAINING YOUR INTEREST IN OUR AREA, AND WE WILL SUBMIT A DETAILED SUBMISSION TO THE PANEL WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

THANK YOU.

COL. THOMPSON: MR. RICK LEADBETTER WILL BE FOLLOWED BY GEORGE RAUH.

MR. LEADBETTER: THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK THIS EVENING. (RICK LEADBETTER, 3130 SKYWAY DRIVE, SUITE 408, SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA 93455.) I APPRECIATE THE INPUT [illegible] YOU'RE HAVING TONIGHT.

I WO[illegible] SEVERAL FIRMS THAT FULFILL THE HOUSING NEEDS THROUGHOUT THE CENTRAL COAST. LOMPOC IS ONE 15.10

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OF THE AREAS THAT WE'RE STILL CURRENTLY WORKING IN.

I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF A COUPLE HUNDRED PEOPLE THAT ARE WORKING ON YOUR JOB SITE THAT COULDN'T BE HERE TONIGHT. THESE ARE THE GUYS THAT ARE BUILDING THE HOUSES THAT WE PUT UP. THEY WORK HARD. THEY DON'T COME TO MEETINGS LIKE THIS. THEY HAVE FAMILIES TO SUPPORT, AND THEY'RE LIVING IS BASED UPON PLANNED POSITIVE GROWTH, WHICH IS WHAT VANDENBERG HAS ALLOWED THIS COMMUNITY IN THE PREVIOUS YEARS TO ACCOMPLISH. IN THAT RESPECT, IT'S SOMETHING THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT YOU WON'T HEAR FROM WOULD LIKE TO PASS ON TO YOU.

THERE'S BEEN A COUPLE OF FOLKS TONIGHT THAT SAID SOMETHING THAT I FIND WHICH I AGREE WITH THAT I FIND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND SANTA MARIA COUNTY WON'T SAY AND THAT'S THE POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL THINGS THAT WE HAVE THE COAST ST CETERA, ET CETERA.

I LIVED NEAR MARCH AT ONE TIME, AND TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, I DON'T KNOW WHY ANYBODY WOULD WANT TO RELOCATE THERE AS OPPOSED TO HERE. 15.10

THANK YOU.

COL. THOMPSON: MR. RAUH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY GENE L. WAHLERS.

MR. RAUH: MY NAME IS GEORGE RAUH. I LIVE JUST WEST OF LOMPOC ON SAN PASQUAL ROAD (951 SAN PASQUAL, LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA 93436).

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I AM VERY CONCERNED WITH THIS MOVE. I DON'T THINK THE COMMUNITY IS AT ALL READY FOR IT. NUMBER ONE, IN TERMS OF WATER. THERE SIMPLY IS NOT ENOUGH WATER HERE. RIGHT IN YOUR OWN REPORT YOU SAY THAT THE AQUIFERS ARE OVERDRAFTED. NOW, AS IT STANDS RIGHT NOW, SANTA MARIA AQUIFERS, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, I'M NO EXPERT BUT IT'S SIMPLE MATH, IT'S BEING OVERDRAFTED, EVEN TO THE POINT WHERE STATE WATER IS NOT GOING TO COMPENSATE FOR THE OVERDRAFT.

NOW, IF 80 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE, AS YOU SAY, GO TO SANTA MARIA, WHERE IS THIS WATER GOING TO COME FROM? AND THIS FANTASY OF STATE WATER, WHICH MAY NEVER BE HERE BECAUSE OF THE DROUGHT CONDITIONS HERE IN CALIFORNIA WHICH MAY JUST GO ON AND ON AND ON, AND WE DON'T KNOW WHERE IS THE WATER GOING TO COME FROM. OKAY, ASSUME THE STATE WATER DOES COME. THAT'S 10 YEARS FROM NOW. WHAT HAPPENS IN THE 10 YEARS THAT FOLLOW? WHERE IS THE WATER GOING TO COME FROM? CERTAINLY THIS MOVE WOULD FORCE ALL OF THESE COMMUNITIES TO TAKE STATE WATER, WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT IS BEING HOTLY DEBATED RIGHT NOW. SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SEEMS TO BE AGAINST IT. SO IF WE'RE GOING TO ACCEPT THIS MOVE, THEN WE'RE CERTAINLY ACCEPTING STATE WATER.

SECONDLY, THERE IS THE ISSUE OF POLLUTION. THERE IS AN IN VERSION LAYER IN LOMPOC ITSELF. ALL THIS EXTRA POLLUTION FROM ALL THESE CARS, WHERE IS IT GOING TO GO? BLOW AWAY? NO, IT WON'T. IT WILL JUST SIT RIGHT

THERE. FURTHERMORE, THE TRAFFIC YOU JUST TALKED ABOUT IT, BUT THE TRAFFIC HAS GOTTEN REALLY BAD. I LIVE ON THE ROAD THAT RUNS DOWN TO SUFFER AND AT 4 O'CLOCK YOU CAN HARDLY MAKE A LEFT TURN ON THAT ROAD. THERE'S JUST TOO MUCH TRAFFIC AS IT IS RIGHT NOW. AND THERE'S GOING TO BE A LOT MORE. THE BASE IS NOT TALKING ABOUT BUILDING, DOING ANYTHING IN ORDER TO HELP HERE. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO AS FAR AS MASS TRANSIT GOES?

I'VE BEEN TEACHING AS A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER IN THE LOMPOC SCHOOLS. ITS CLASSES ARE DRASTICALLY OVERCROWDED. TRY TO TEACH 45 KIDS IN ONE CLASSROOM, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING FOR AN HOUR, THOSE KIDS, I CAN GUARANTEE YOU THAT. YET THAT IS THE SIZE OF THE CLASS I HAD THIS SUMMER. SO ARE YOU ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES? WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH ROOM IN THE SCHOOLS RIGHT NOW.

ANYHOW, THE ISSUES GO ON AND ON AND ON. I'D SAY THE FOCUS WOULD BE STATE WATER, WHICH IS YOU'RE BASICALLY FORCING ON THIS COMMUNITY. I THINK IT'S REALLY A BAD IDEA. SOMEONE JUST RECENTLY -- AND ONE OF THE SPEAKERS SAID THE OPPOSITE OF GROWTH IS DEATH. THAT'S ABSURD. THE KIND OF GROWTH THAT A COMMUNITY WANTS IS A SLOW GROWTH, BY INCREMENTS THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO HANDLE WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURES THAT THEY HAVE.

THIS KIND OF MOVE IS IMPOSSIBLE. YOU'RE 15.7

DUMPING TWICE THE POPULATION THAT LOMPOC HAS, OR ANOTHER INCREASES BY 50 PERCENT. THIS COMMUNITY IS NOT READY FOR A 50 PERCENT INCREASE. ONCE AGAIN WE'RE ON THE ROLLER COASTER WHERE THE SPACE SHUTTLE BROUGHT US UP HERE AND DUMPED US. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE BALLISTIC MISSILE SYSTEMS LEAVE US? WHERE IS LOMPOC THEN? UP THE CREEK WITHOUT A PADDLE, JUST AS WE WERE WHEN THE SPACE SHUTTLE LEFT. THAT'S ALL. 15.7

COL. THOMPSON: MR. WAHLERS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY WAYNE A. LAWGILL.

MR. WAHLERS: GOOD EVENING, GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS GENE WAHLERS (P. O. BOX 8001, LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA 93438-8001). I'M THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF LOMPOC.

FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO CALL ATTENTION TO A LETTER THAT THE CITY SENT TO THE AIR FORCE ON MARCH 19TH, PRIOR TO THE SCOPING HEARING ON MARCH 27TH. I WILL JUST READ BRIEFLY FROM THE LETTER.

THE CITY HAS BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF THE RELOCATION OF ADDITIONAL AIR FORCE ACTIVITIES TO VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE TO COMPENSATE FOR THE AREA LOSS OF APPROXIMATELY 5,000 JOBS OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS. RELOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION ACTIVITIES FROM LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE TO VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE WOULD BE A POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON OUR ECONOMY AND 15.10

INCREASE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY. 15.10

THE CITY HAS SERVED AND SUPPORTED VANDENBERG SINCE IT'S ESTABLISHMENT OVER 30 YEARS AGO, AND WE ARE PREPARED TO ASSIST IN SUPPORTING ADDITIONAL HOUSING AND SERVICE NEEDS WHICH WILL BE CREATED BY THE RELOCATION OF PERSONNEL AND SUPPORTING INDUSTRIES TO VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNIT IN THE CITY CURRENTLY TOTALS 12,707, WITH AN ADDITIONAL 6,500 IN THE COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREA, FOR A LOMPOC VALLEY TOTAL OF 19,000 TO ANTICIPATE. ADDITIONAL DWELLING UNITS UNDER CONSTRUCTION, IN PLANNING, PLUS VACANT LAND CAPACITY IN THE CITY, TOTALS 1,759 DWELLING UNITS. WITHIN THE RESIDENTIALLY ZONED LOMPOC VALLEY UNINCORPORATED AREA, THERE IS CAPABILITY OF PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL 2,200 UNITS, FOR A TOTAL OF 3,959 RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNIT WITHIN THE LOMPOC AREA.

UTILITY SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY INCLUDE ELECTRIC, WITH THE CURRENT PEAK UNDER 22 MEGAWATTS, AND AN INSTALLED SYSTEM CAPACITY OF 50 MEGAWATTS -- AND I MIGHT SAY THE LOWEST ELECTRIC RATES IN THE AREA. THE CITY OWNS AND OPERATES A MODERN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, WHICH HAS SERVED VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. THE SYSTEM CAPACITY CURRENTLY IS 5 MILLION GALLONS PER DAY, IT'S EXPANDABLE TO 10 MILLION GALLONS PER DAY, AND MANY OF THE ELEMENTS IN THAT PLANT HAVE ALREADY BEEN SIZED TO

PROVIDE FOR THAT CAPACITY. THE AVERAGE DAILY FLOW IS CURRENTLY 3.3 MILLION GALLONS PER DAY, SO YOU CAN SEE ADDING 30 PERCENT WOULD STILL LEAVE A MARGIN OF OVER .7 MILLION GALLONS A DAY.

SOLID WASTE IS PROVIDED BY A TWICE PER WEEK AUTOMATIC PICK UP AND RECYCLING PROGRAM. THE CITY ALSO OPERATES A CLASS-FREE LANDFILL, WITH AN ESTIMATED 20 TO 30 YEAR CAPACITY. WATER SERVICE IS PROVIDED THROUGH A WATER TREATMENT PLANT WITH A SYSTEM CAPACITY OF 6 MILLION GALLONS PER DAY, EXPANDABLE AND DESIGNED TO HANDLE A PEAK FLOW OF 14 MILLION GALLONS ONCE A DAY. CURRENT AVERAGE DAILY FLOW IS 4.9 MILLION GALLONS A DAY.

THE CITY DOES HAVE A NEED FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL WATER SUPPLY. SOURCES ARE PRESENTLY BEING CONSIDERED AND A DECISION IS EXPECTED TO BE MADE NEXT YEAR.

THE CITY AND SURROUNDING CENTRAL COST AREA PROVIDES AN OUTSTANDING LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYEES WHO WOULD RESIDE HERE, AS WELL AS EXCELLENT RECREATION AREAS. WE HAVE AN ANALYSIS OF EXISTING AND PLANNED HOUSING AREAS, SERVICES, AND FACILITIES AVAILABLE AND A QUALITY LIVING ENVIRONMENT WHICH SUPPORTS THE SELECTION OF VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE AS THE NUMBER ONE ALTERNATIVE SITE FOR THE RELOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS SPACE SYSTEM DIVISION AND SUPPORTING UNIT.

THE CITY OF LOMPOC HAS MAINTAINED A LONG-TERM

COMMITMENT OF SUPPORTING THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE MISSION AT VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH AIR FORCE OFFICIALS IN ACCOMPLISHING THE PROPOSED RELOCATION.

THANK YOU.

COL. THOMPSON: MR. LANGILL --

MR. LANGILL: YES, SIR.

COL. THOMPSON: -- TO BE FOLLOWED BY MR. LOU RUBINSTEIN.

MR. LANGILL: I REALLY DIDN'T INTEND TO SAY ANYTHING TONIGHT, BUT I HEARD A COUPLE SPEAKERS, SO I FEEL LIKE I MUST REPLY. (WAYNE A. LANGILL, 4241 POLARIS AVENUE, LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA 93436.)

IN THIS COMMUNITY WE HAVE DOERS AND WE HAVE AGAINERS. AND IN THE PAST WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF DAMAGE DONE BY AGAINERS. THE LOMPOC RESERVOIR WAS OPPOSED BY THE AGAINERS AND NEVER CAME TO FRUITION. JUST THINK, IF THEY HAD NOT PUT OUT A BUNCH OF CRUD, WE WOULD HAVE THE LOMPOC RESERVOIR HERE TODAY TO DRAW WATER FROM.

IN THE PAST WE HAD A CHANCE TO HAVE A ROAD OVER HARRIS GRADE, A FOUR LANE HIGHWAY, AND THEY OPPOSED IT ON THE BASIS OF THE BISHOP PINES. DID YOU EVER SEE A BISHOP PINE?

THE BAB TALKS ABOUT THE INVERSION LAYER. WE HAVE A UNIQUE SITUATION HERE WHERE WE HAVE A VALLEY

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SURROUNDED BY MOUNTAINS, AND EVERY DAY THE WINDS COME IN AND THEY CIRCLE AROUND AND THEY TAKE ALL THE CRUD OUT AND LEAVE IT SOME PLACE ELSE.

NOW THEY BROUGHT UP THE FACT OF THE STICKLEBACK. THE STICKLEBACK IS THE MOST EXPENSIVE FISH THAT YOU EVER HEARD ABOUT IN YOUR LIFE. POUND PER POUND IT COSTS MORE THAN SWORDFISH, I'LL TELL YOU THAT. THE BILLION DOLLAR STICKLEBACK. THE AGAINERS SAY, 'PROTECT THE STICKLEBACK'. DID YOU EVER SEE ONE? WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A STICKLEBACK? NOW, IT'S ALL WELL AND GOOD TO PROTECT THEM AND BE NICE, BUT SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO BE REALISTIC ABOUT THINGS. YOU HAVE TO GIVE SOME COMMON SENSE. SO ENOUGH FOR THE STICKLEBACK.

THE STATE WATER PROJECT CAN BRING WATER IN AND A LOT OF PEOPLE -- THE AGAINERS, AGAIN -- DON'T LIKE STATE WATER. THEY SAY IT'S UNRELIABLE. THE WATER HAS BEEN FLOWING FOR NOW HANY YEARS NOW? IT'S PROVIDING WATER WHEREVER IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE PROVIDED. SO, THE STATE WATER SYSTEM, WHICH WE HAVE BEEN PAYING FOR FOR YEARS AND YEARS, AND TO WHICH WE HAVE A BIG ENTITLEMENT, IS FEASIBLE, AND IS IN THE PROCESS. SO, LET'S HAVE THE DOERS GET BUSY AND GET STATE WATER HERE.

AND LAST LITTLE COMMENT. SOMETIMES THEY BRING UP THE OBJECTION OF THE BURTON MESA CHAPARRAL. NOW, I HAD A LAWN THAT TURNED INTO BURTON MESA CHAPARRAL AND I

HAD TO RIP IT UP. I JUST RIPPED IT UP. I GOT SAND OUT THERE NOW THAT'S REVERTING BACK TO BURTON MESA CHAPARRAL.

SO, I THINK I'VE SAID ENOUGH.

COL. THOMPSON: MR. RUBINSTEIN WILL BE FOLLOWED BY BARBARA LIBBY -- ALTHOUGH, NOW YOU ARE GOING TO FOLLOW THAT, I DON'T KNOW.

MR. RUBINSTEIN: THE ONLY COMMENT IS, HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF A BISHOP PINE? I'VE HEARD A PRIEST CRY, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT HAS ANY RELEVANCE. BUT I'M NOT GOING TO TRY AND FOLLOW THE REST OF THAT.

I'M LOU RUBINSTEIN. I LIVE AT 116 FIRST S.REET IN SOLVANG (CALIFORNIA 93463). THAT'S A LITTLE COMMUNITY DUE EAST; ALSO KNOWN AS DANISH DISNEYLAND. I SPENT FROM 1961 I CAME HERE TO VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE AS A YOUNG OFFICER I HAD THE HONOR OF SPENDING OVER 25 YEARS AT VANDENBERG IN THE CAPACITIES OF ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY, CONTRACTOR, AND FEDERAL EMPLOYEE. I RETIRED IN '88 FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS A CIVILIAN WITH THE AIR FORCE.

AND THEN I WENT INTO MY NEW CAREER. THAT'S ACTING AS A DEVELOPER BUILDER, DOING AFFORDABLE HOMES IN THE AREA IN WHICH DIRECTLY INVOLVES THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECT OF THE POTENTIAL OF BSD AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS COMING TO THIS COMMUNITY.

AND IN ESSENCE I'M SAYING, TALKING NOW AS A

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BUILDER/DEVELOPER FOR OTHER BUILDER/DEVELOPERS IN OUR COMMUNITY, WE ARE PROVIDING HOMES TODAY AND BUILDING THEM AFFORDABLY. THEY'RE PRESENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION FOR $130,000 FOR THREE BEDROOMS, TWO BATHS. THAT'S VERY AFFORDABLE, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO THAT. 4.33

THANK YOU.

COL. THOMPSON: BARBARA LIBBY BE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY SCOTT FEIRN.

MR. FEIRN: THERE IS NO NEED, THANK YOU.

MS. LIBBY: MY NAME IS BARBARA LIBBY, 897 ONSTOTT ROAD (LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA 93436), AND I HOPE YOU CAN UNDERSTAND ME BECAUSE I GET REALLY NERVOUS SPEAKING IN PUBLIC.

I'D LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT I FULLY SUPPORTED THE EXPANSION OF VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE. I THINK THAT IT WILL BE A VERY POSITIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT TO THE LOMPOC AND SANTA MARIA AREA WHICH WE REALLY NEED. AND I'D LIKE TO MAKE SOME COMMENTS ABOUT THE BURTON MESA CHAPARRAL THAT EVERYONE IS SO OCCURRED ABOUT, AND THE COUNTY'S INTENT ON SAVING EVERY LITTLE BIT OF IT. I HAPPEN TO LIKE NATURE. I LIKE PLANTS, ANIMALS, EVERYTHING, BUT I WAS DRIVING SOME PEOPLE THROUGH THE BURTON MESA CHAPARRAL AND I SAID, "HERE IT IS, HERE IS WHAT YOUR COUNTY IS TRYING TO SAVE," AND THEY SAID, "WHAT? WHAT?" I SAID, "ALL OF THIS." "WELL, THAT'S WEEDS. WHAT IS CHAPARRAL?" I SAID, 15.10

"CHAPARRAL IS WEEDS." SO I THINK THAT IF THE PEOPLE HONESTLY KNEW WHAT THE BURTON MESA CHAPARRAL CONSISTED OF, THEY WON'T BE QUITE SO ANXIOUS TO SAVE IT, BECAUSE WHAT IT REALLY IS, IS A POTENTIAL FIRE STORM WAITING TO HAPPEN -- WHICH YOU'VE SEEN IN SANTA BARBARA.

BUT I THINK AS FAR AS GETTING TO CROWDING IN THAT AREA, IF ANYBODY WERE TO FLY OVER THIS AREA THEY WOULD SEE WE HAVE VERY LITTLE DEVELOPED GROUND HERE. IT IS MOSTLY WILDERNESS, SO I THINK WE HAVE MORE ROOM FOR SOME MORE PEOPLE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COL. THOMPSON: MR. FEIRN, DID I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU PASSED?

MR. FEIRN: YES, THANK YOU.

COL. THOMPSON: NEXT IS HOWARD E. GRANTZ, TO BE FOLLOWED BY STEVE ALLENSON.

MR. GRANTZ: MY NAME IS HOWARD GRANTZ. I LIVE AT 367 SAINT ANDREWS WAY VANDENBERG VILLAGE (LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA 93436). I AM THE PRESIDENT OF VANDENBERG VILLAGE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, WHICH I REPRESENT TODAY.

I WANT TO FIRST SAY TO THE AIR FORCE IS CONGRATULATIONS. THIS IS A VERY, VERY FINE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, YOU DID A FINE JOB WITH IT. THERE ARE A FEW DETAILS I WANT TO DISCUSS WITH YOU, THAT'S THE PURPOSE

OF THIS MEETING TODAY, I WANT TO REFER TO PAGE 3.3-20. IT TALKS ABOUT THE AQUIFERS, COMBINES THE WATER AQUIFERS FOR BOTH THE LOMPOC VALLEY AND THE UPLANDS. AND IT POINT OUT, NOW THERE ARE FACTS, NOT IMPRESSIONS, THAT PER YEAR, THE COMMUNITIES THAT PROVIDE THOSE AQUIFERS TAKE OUT 38,000 ACRES FEET OF WATER PER YEAR. THE RECHARGE IS 33,000, OR, AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE OVERDRAFT RIGHT NOW IS 5,000 ACRE FEET PER YEAR. WE ARE TAKING OUT MORE WATER THAN WE ARE PUTTING IN. AS A CONSEQUENCE, THERE IS NOT ENOUGH WATER FOR OUR PRESENT NEEDS, MUCH LESS FOR AN EXPANSION. 10.1

I AM NOT FOR OR AGAINST EXPANSION, BUT IT IS MY JOB TO PROVIDE WATER FOR THE VANDENBERG VILLAGE RESIDENTS AND WE DON'T HAVE IT. AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THIS, SHOULD THIS EXPANSION TAKE PLACE, IT WOULD BE QUITE AN IMPACT UPON OUR ENVIRONMENT.

I WANT TO GO TO PAGE 4.3-18. IT SAYS, AND AGAIN TALKING ABOUT THE TRANSFER, THE PROPOSED ACTION WOULD INCREASE THE DEMAND VANDENBERG HAS ON THE GROUNDWATER SOURCES, RESULTING IN A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT ON THIS RESOURCE -- TALKING ABOUT WATER. THEY TALK ABOUT THE IMPACT BUT NOT THE CONSEQUENCE, AND THE CONSEQUENCE YOU SHOULD REALIZE IS THE SALT WATER WILL ENSURE MORE RAPIDLY AS WE TAKE THE WATER OUT OF THE GROUND MORE RAPIDLY, IF THE WATER GOES DOWN MORE RAPIDLY, THE COST TO PROCESS THAT WATER GOES UP MORE RAPIDLY, AND AFFECTS THE BILL OF 10.26

EVERYBODY WHO TAKES THAT WATER. SO THE CONSEQUENCE OF THIS IMPACT SHOULD BE SPELLED OUT IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

LOOKING AT THE TOPIC MORE BROADLY, THE COUNTY IS COMPREHENSIVELY PLANNING WHAT IS CALLED A CONSERVATION ELEMENT, AND IT'S A VERY WISE, WELL-THOUGHT OUT REQUIREMENT. AND THE CONSERVATION ELEMENT SAYS, IN ESSENCE, THAT WE MUST LIVE WITHIN OUR PRESENT RESOURCES. WE ARE NOT DOING THAT NOW AT THE LOMPOC VALLEY, IN SPITE OF WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID, WE ARE NOT DOING THAT. AND AS A CONSEQUENCE THEN, THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO AUTHORIZE ANY HOUSING FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS FOR LACK OF WATER. SO THAT'S A FACT OF LIFE THAT WE ARE FACED WITH NOW RIGHT. 10.26

IT ALSO SAYS ON PAGE 4.3-19 THAT THE COASTAL AQUEDUCT IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION IN 1992 AND TO ALLOW WATER FLOW TO SANTA BARBARA COUNTY IN 1995. BUT IT OMITS A VERY IMPORTANT CONDITION. THE PEOPLE IN VANDENBERG VILLAGE, MESA OAKS, MISSION HILLS, AND LOMPOC MUST VOTE TO APPROVE THE REQUIRED BOND ISSUE. AND THAT CONDITION SHOULD BE IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND THE FOLLOWING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW, BECAUSE IF THAT IS NOT APPROVED, IF WE ARE NOT ALOUD TO HAVE THIS WATER, AND OUR OVERDRAFT WILL CONTINUE TO BE AS IT IS NOW, AND GET EVEN WORSE. 10.2

SO TO SUMMARIZE, WE ARE IN A SERIOUS OVERDRAFT SITUATION. WE DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT WATER FOR OUR PRESENT NEEDS, AND AT THIS POINT YOU SHOULD RECOGNIZE, AS COL. BARTOL SAID IN HIS OPENING COMMENTS, THE AIR FORCE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A VERY GOOD NEIGHBOR, AND I ASK THE AIR FORCE TO CONSIDER THE INTEREST OF ALL OF THE RESIDENTS, NOT THOSE WHO WILL GAIN BY THIS POTENTIAL MOVE, BUT ALL THE RESIDENTS WHOSE COST WILL BE IMPACTED AND LIVES WILL BE IMPACTED. SO I ASK YOU TO VERY, VERY CAREFULLY LOOK AT THE BEST INTEREST OF ALL THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COL. THOMPSON: MR. STEVE ALLENSON, TO BE FOLLOWED BY DEWAYNE HOLMDAHL.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: MR. ALLENSON IS GONE.

COL. THOMPSON: MR. HOLMDAHL, TO BE FOLLOWED BY DOTTIE RENFROW.

MR. HOLMDAHL: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS DEWAYNE HOLMDAHL, 972 PELICAN, LOMPOC (CALIFORNIA 93436). AS A LONG TIME RESIDENT IN FACT I'VE BEEN IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SINCE '44 AND IN LOMPOC SINCE 1950. VERY A FEW GREW UP HERE, BUT MOST OF THEM CAME IN WITH THE INFLUX THAT HAPPENED WHEN VANDENBERG GREW FROM 1957 ON, AND WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE THEM HERE. AND AS GOOD NEIGHBORS, WE LOOK TO THE ISSUES.

I THINK HOWARD BROUGHT UP SOME THINGS ON THE

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WATER AND THE NEEDS OF WATER. THE ONE THING YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER, NO MATTER IF YOU COME OR YOU DON'T, WE STILL HAVE THE SAME WATER PROBLEM, AND THAT'S WHY THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MANY YEARS AGO CONTRACTED THE STATE FOR THE STATE WATER PROJECT AGAIN IN 1963 FOR 8,000 ACRE FEET. VANDENBERG IS WAITING FOR THAT CONTRACT TO GO THROUGH AND AS SOON AS EVALUATION IS ADOPTED AND FINALIZED ON THE MISSION HILLS BRANCH OF THE STATE WATER PROJECT, THEN THE CONTRACTS COME ON DOWN THE LINE. SO I THINK THAT YOU NEED TO PUT THAT INTO THE PROCESS, THEN IT'S UP TO LOCAL ENTITIES TO MAKE UP THAT DIFFERENCE. IF YOU'RE GOING TO NEED THE WATER OR NOT, IF IT IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE, AND ET CETERA.

SO THE ONE THING YOU LOOK AT IN AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW IS WORST CASE, AND ONE THING WE LOOKED AT BACK IN THE EVALUATION OF THE IMPACT OF THE SSD PROJECT IS WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN WITH THAT IMPACT, AND WE LOOKED AT WORST CASE. BUT THE INTERESTING THING ON WORST CASE, WE HAD THE OIL INDUSTRY. WE HAVE VANDENBERG, AND KNOWS IT HAPPENED AT THE SAME TIME VANDENBERG LEVELED OFF AT ABOUT 13,500 INSTEAD OF 14,000. THE OIL INDUSTRY DIDN'T COME UNTIL THE LATER '80'S. PIPER CLOSED DOWN, AND SO YOU HAD AN EMPLOYEE GROUP THAT DIDN'T COME IN. ON WORST CASE, SO, IF YOU GO BACK AND UTILIZE THOSE TYPES OF FIGURES, WHAT HAPPENS OVER A BALANCED, PERIOD WE DON'T KNOW

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TODAY IF YOU'RE GOING TO BRING THE WHOLE 27,000 OR 2,000 OR 10,000 INTO THIS AREA.

THE OTHER CONCERN I HAVE IS THAT IN 1980 WHEN VANDENBERG WAS BUILDING UP AGAIN, WE DIDN'T HAVE THE LABOR WORK FORCES WE HAVE TODAY. I WOULD SAY LOMPOC VALLEY AND THIS AREA HAS PROBABLY THE BEST, WELL-ROUNDED LABOR FORCE WE HAVE EVER HAD IN THE AREA BECAUSE YOU GO THROUGH THE WHOLE BRACKET BECAUSE OF WHAT'S HAPPENED IN THE PAST, WHEN MANY, MOST, OF THE PEOPLE IN SANTA BARBARA AREA, WHEN YOU LOOK AT THIS ISSUE, AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A LABOR FORCE. WHAT ARE THE NUMBER IN THE LOCAL AREA THAT WILL PICK UP THOSE JOBS THAT WILL BE EMPLOYED? HOW MANY WILL TRANSFER? HOW MANY OF THOSE JOBS WILL BE HERE? WHEN THEY DO TRANSFERS, NOT ALL THE JOBS THAT THEY HAVE ARE TRANSFERRED. THERE IS ALSO CONSULTATIONS AND CHANGES. HOW MANY OF THESE POSITIONS CAN BE FILLED BY THE PEOPLE WHO ALREADY LIVE IN THIS AREA?

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THE OTHER ISSUE I'D LIKE YOU TO LOOK AT YOUR TAKING SANTA MARIA, 80, LOMPOC, 20. IF YOU LOOK AT THE OVERALL, BROAD BASE, THE PEOPLE ARE LIVING ALL OVER, TO YOU HAVE A BROADER SPECTRUM. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GET UP IN A PLANE AND SEE THE NUMBER OF AUTOMOBILES COMING OUT OF OTHER AREAS AND HEADING TOWARD VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, AND YOU HAVE THAT STREAM OF TRAFFIC THAT IS COMING IN FROM ALL AREAS. THE ONE BIG PLUS I THINK THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT

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WITH AIR QUALITY IS IF WE COULD CHANGE THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE FROM THE HOUR'S DRIVE TO SANTA BARBARA TO THE 30 MINUTE OR 10 DRIVE TO VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE. IF THEY EXPAND HERE THAT WOULD BE ONE OF THE BIGGEST PLUSES IN THE AIR QUALITY.

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AND I THINK THE WATER ISSUE AND THE OTHER ISSUES CAN BE HANDLED AND I THINK YOU NEED TO LOOK AT WHAT THE CONTRACT IS, AND I THINK AS SOME OTHERS WILL SAY, YOU NEED TO USE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AS STATED TO THE STATE WATER AS AQUEDUCTS COMING INTO THE MISSION HILL AREA SHOULD BE A PART OF THIS.

THANK YOU.

COL. THOMPSON: DOTTIE RENFROW, TO BE FOLLOWED BY KEVIN MOORE.

MS. RENFROW: GOOD EVENING. I'M DOTTIE RENFROW. I'M A RESIDENT OF FOX AND WOOD IN SANTA MARIA (P. O. BOX 6909, SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA 93456). I'M A PILOT. I LOVE AIRPLANES. I LOVE THE AIRPORT, AND EVERYTHING THAT GOES WITH FLYING.

GENTLEMEN, WELCOME TO THE BEAUTIFUL CENTRAL COAST AREA, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS GOD'S FAVORITE PLACE TO HANG OUT. WE'RE BLESSED WITH A WONDERFUL CLIMATE, WE RAISE AND COOK SOME OF THE BEST BEEF, PORK, VEGETABLES, AND SWEET, HUGE STRAWBERRIES. AND WE HAVE PLENTY OF SPACE TO GROW. YOU WILL ENJOY SUNSETS AS BEAUTIFUL AS ANY IN THE WHOLE

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WORLD. OUR SHOPPING IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY COMPETES WITH THAT OF ANY COUNTY. WE HAVE THE ABILITY IT AND RESOURCES TO HAVE A GREAT QUALITY OF LIFE.

OUR CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIALS AND ASSOCIATIONS SUCH AS OUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CITIES FOR A BUILD COMMUNITY AND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION ALL WORK VERY DILIGENTLY FOR QUALITY GROWTH. WE MEET THE CHALLENGE OF IMPROVING OUR WORLD EVERY DAY.

WHEN WE HEARD THE POSSIBILITY OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE RELOCATING TO OUR AREA WE WERE VERY EXCITED. AND OUR ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS THAT YOU WILL ADD TO OUR AREA. WE ARE FRIENDLY PEOPLE, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO MAKING YOUR PEOPLE FEEL VERY AT HOME.

EVEN WITH THE LOSS OF THE 5,000 JOBS, SO FORTH THAT WAS MENTIONED EARLIER, BEFORE THAT, WE HAVE PLENTY OF ADDITIONAL SPACE AVAILABLE. FOR VANDENBERG ADDING, BEING ADDED, ON TO YOUR MOVE WILL FILL A VOID AND BE A GREAT ADDITION TO YOUR AREA. AND WITH OUR FACILITIES IN PLACE, WE COULD EVEN SAVE YOU SOME MONEY ON THE MOVE.

OF COURSE THERE IS ONE NEGATIVE TO MOVING TO THE CENTRAL COAST, YOUR PEOPLE MAY NEVER WANT TO LEAVE, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT SOME TIMES THEY DON'T HAVE A CHOICE. PLACE THOSE CALLS TO YOUR FAMILY, TELL THEM TO GET TO PACKING, YOU'RE HEADED FOR VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE,

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NEIGHBOR OF LOS ALMOS, LOMPOC, GUADALUPE, FRISCO, SOLVANG, LOS ALMOS, AND SANTA MARIA; CENTER OF THE BEST.

COL. THOMPSON: KEVIN MOORE. JAMES A. DIANI, TO BE FOLLOWED BY CHRISTOPHER CURTIN.

MR. DIANI: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS JIM DIANI. AS FAR AS MY ADDRESS, WHY DON'T WE JUST SAY SANTA MARIA NATIVE (428-E SOUTH BROADWAY, SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA 93454). I'M CURRENTLY REPRESENTING THE SANTA MARIA VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION. PLEASE ALLOW ME TO READ THEIR OFFICIAL POSITION INTO THE RECORD.

SANTA MARIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUPPORTS RELOCATION OF THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE TO VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE. AFTER REVIEW OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, WE FEEL CONFIDENT THAT SANTA MARIA AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES COULD ACCOMMODATE AND RECENTLY MITIGATE ANY IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RELOCATION. AT THE VERY LEAST, WE COULD ACCOMMODATE IMMEDIATELY THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION, WHICH IS COMPATIBLE WITH CURRENT VANDENBERG OPERATIONS CURRENTLY AT VANDENBERG.

VANDENBERG IS APPROXIMATELY 10,000, WHICH IS 5,000 BELOW THE 15,000 NOW LEVEL EXPERIENCE PRIOR TO THE DECLINE OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE OPERATION. BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION OPERATION WOULD RESTORE ONLY ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF THESE REDUCTIONS.

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IN SUMMARY WE BELIEVE THAT ANY ENHANCEMENT OF CURRENT VANDENBERG AIR FORCE OPERATIONS WILL PROVIDE A MUCH NEEDED BOOST TO THE ECONOMIC STABILITY AND WELL-BEING OF SANTA MARIA AND IT'S NEIGHBORS.

I'D LIKE TO MAKE ONE ADDITIONAL COMMENT CONCERNING THE ESTIMATE OF TOTAL OF DIRECT PERSONNEL COMING INTO VANDENBERG. UNDER THE TOTAL RELOCATION SCENARIO COMES 1,100. WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST, IN LIGHT OF THE 5,000 JOBS THAT WE HAVE LOST RECENTLY AT VANDENBERG, THAT YOU RECONSIDER AND MAKE THAT 5,100.

THANK YOU.

COL. THOMPSON: CHRISTOPHER CURTIN. DON GEHMART, TO BE FOLLOWED BY DARLENE HOSEY.

MR. GEHMART: GOOD EVENING, GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS DON GEHMART. I'M A CONCERNED CITIZEN AND A RESIDENT OF VANDENBERG VILLAGE LIVING AT 340 OAK HILL DRIVE (CALIFORNIA 93455). I AM A MEMBER OF BOTH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE OF BOTH LOMPOC AND SANTA MARIA AND THE COMMITTEE TO IMPROVE OF THE NORTH COUNTY AND SEVERAL OTHER BUSINESS RELATED ORIENTATED ORGANIZATIONS.

I AM TRULY AND TOTALLY IN FAVOR OF SUPPORTING THE RELOCATION OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASES SSD TO VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, ALONG WITH THE SMC, AS IT WILL INCREASE EMPLOYMENT WITH DIRECT AND INDIRECT JOBS OF APPROXIMATELY 19,000, JOBS WITH AN INCREASE OF COUNTY

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PERSONAL INCOME OF $520 MILLION ANNUALLY DURING PROGRAM OPERATIONS. THIS PROVES TO BE AN IMPRESSIVE ECONOMIC BOOST FOR THE LOMPOC AND SANTA MARIA VALLEY COMMUNITIES AND OTHER SURROUNDING AREAS. I WELCOME YOU, AND ALL OF US WANT YOU HERE.

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THANK YOU.

COL. THOMPSON: DARLENE HOSEY, TO BE FOLLOWED BY ALAN HOSEY.

MS. HOSEY: GOOD EVENING, COLONEL THOMPSON. I'M A RETIRED LEGAL SECRETARY. MY NAME IS DARLENE HOSEY, 1311 WEST CYPRESS, LOMPOC (CALIFORNIA 93436). I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, SO I'LL KEEP IT BRIEF. I'M HERE AS A CONCERNED CITIZEN. I BELONG TO MANY ORGANIZATIONS AND I'VE WORKED WITH MANY PEOPLE IN THE VALLEY, SO I HAVE TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT I'M NOT SPEAKING FOR ANY ONE OF THEM. I'M THOROUGHLY AGREE WITH MR. HORNBILL. HE'S DONE HIS HOMEWORK. I DEFINITELY LIKED WHAT THE GENTLEMEN HAD TO SAY ABOUT THE STICKLEBACK AND THE OTHER ONE THAT SAID SOMETHING ABOUT THE ENDANGERED SPECIES.

BUT I CAME UP FROM LOS ANGELES AFTER 25 YEARS IN THE LEGAL FIELD, AND THE OTHER GENTLEMEN SAID SOMETHING ABOUT THE WIND TAKES CARE OF AN AWFUL LOT OF THE POLLUTION UP HERE. AND MY HUSBAND WAS PART OF BUILDING SLICK 32, AND I SAW THE CHALLENGER COME FLYING IN PIGGYBACK, AND IT WAS REALLY A TRAGEDY FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE. AND IN MY

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ESTIMATION THERE WERE MORE THAN 5,000 JOBS INVOLVED. THERE WERE PEOPLE THAT WORKED IN THE CITIES AND THERE WERE PEOPLE THAT HAD THE BUSINESSES AND THEY ALL HAD TO GO ELSE WHERE, AND THE UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES HERE ARE DEFINITELY DISTORTED BECAUSE THE PEOPLE RAN OUT OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT AND THEN YOU DON'T SHOW UP ON THE STATUS SHEETS.

SO WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS -- OUR MAYOR SAID IT VERY WELL -- WE HAVE ALL DONE OUR HOMEWORK, I'M NOW IN THE REAL ESTATE BUSINESS, BRAND NEW LICENSEE BACK IN FEBRUARY, SO I KNOW IT'S AVAILABLE. THERE'S GOOD HOUSING, THERE'S GOOD RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, THERE'S EXCELLENT CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, THERE'S MUD BOGGING WHEN THE RAINS COME BACK, AND THEY WILL. I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THIS DROUGHT FOREVER, AND KNOWING HUMANS AS I KNOW THEM, WE WILL FIND A WAY TO GET WATER; SO, WELCOME.

COL. THOMPSON: ALAN MOREY, TO BE FOLLOWED BY ROGER BUNCH.

MR. MOREY: THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS ALAN MOREY. I HAVE LIVE AT 924 EAST FIR, LOMPOC (CALIFORNIA 93436). I'M CURRENTLY PRESIDENT OF THE LOMPOC VALLEY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, AN ASSOCIATION OF SOME 200 BUSINESSES IN THE LOMPOC VALLEY.

I SPEAK FOR THE ASSOCIATION TONIGHT. WE DO ENCOURAGE AND WELCOME ANY INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT AT VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE. WE LOST 5,000 SOME JOBS IN --

WHAT? 1986? THE BUSINESS CLIMATE HERE HAS BEEN STAGNANT SINCE THEN, AND GETTING WORSE.

WE HAVE SERVED THE AIR FORCE COMMUNITY AND THEIR CONTRACTORS IN THIS AREA VERY WELL. THE SERVICES AND PRODUCTS, AND WE CAN AND ARE WILLING AND ABLE TO DO THAT IN THE FUTURE FOR ANY GROUPS THAT YOU SHOULD CHOSE TO BRING TO LOMPOC OR THE VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE.

THE MUD BOGGING WILL BE BACK.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COL. THOMPSON: MR. BUNCH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY GORDON GILL.

MR. BUNCH: I'M ROGER BUNCH. I LIVE AT 918 HARRISON, SANTA MARIA (CALIFORNIA 93454). I REPRESENT ARBOR MEDICAL GROUP, WHICH IS A GROUP OF 65 EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING 12 PHYSICIANS.

OUR GROUP IS IN FAVOR OF CONTROLLED GROWTH WITH CONTINUED GROWTH. WE FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT OUR AREA IS CAPABLE OF TAKING A PARTIAL RELOCATION OF PERSONNEL COMING INTO VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, AND AS HAS BEEN STATED BEFORE THESE PEOPLE WOULD RELOCATE TO UP 40 MILES TO THE SOUTH OF US AND UP TO 30 TO 40 MILES TO THE NORTH OF US, SO THERE'S A LOT OF AREA THAT THEY CAN EXPAND INTO. WE SEE NO PROBLEM WITH DOING THAT.

WE HAVE THE RESOURCES, WE HAVE THE HOMES, AND THOSE HOMES THAT ARE NOT BUILT, THE LOCATIONS ARE ALREADY

APPROVED FOR FUTURE EXPANSION. WE HAVE HAD A GREAT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MILITARY FOR ALMOST SOME 50 YEARS, AND IT'S OUR FEELING THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE IN THE CENTRAL COAST WOULD WELCOME A PARTIAL RELOCATION TO OUR AREA.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COL. THOMPSON: MR. GILL WILL BE FOLLOWED BY JOHN E. WALKER. MR. GILL.

MR. GILL: GENTLEMEN, FOR THE RECORD MY NAME IS GORDON GILL, 1010 SOUTH BROADWAY, SANTA MARIA (CALIFORNIA 93454). I'M HERE REPRESENTING SOME 1,100 MEMBERS OF THE SANTA MARIA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. I ACT AS THE TREASURER FOR THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN SANTA MARIA.

IN YOUR REVIEW, WE WOULD HOPE THAT YOU WOULD GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO THE POSITIVE IMPACT IN REPLACING THE SOME 5,000 JOBS THAT WERE TAKEN AWAY FROM OUR COMMUNITIES IN NORTHERN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY. VANDENBERG HAS ADEQUATE LAND AND ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THEIR MOVE. THE COMMUNITIES IN NORTHERN SANTA MARIA HAVE ALWAYS MET THE NEEDS OF MEETING THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE NEEDS OF THEIR CITIZENS AS IT RELATES TO THE EXPANSION OF VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, AND WE ARE PLEDGED TO CONTINUE TO DO THAT.

THE SANTA MARIA VALLEY HAS ALWAYS PLANNED FOR IT'S FUTURE, AND IS CURRENTLY DOING THAT, AS YOU'VE HEARD

FROM IT'S POLITICAL LEADERS THIS EVENING. AS A FOURTH GENERATION RESIDENT OF THE SANTA MARIA VALLEY, WHOSE PARENTS HAVE HELPED THAT COMMUNITY TO GROW OVER 100 YEARS, I CAN PLEDGE TO YOU THAT I WILL NOT BE HERE FOR 100 YEARS, BUT THE SANTA MARIA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL BE HERE TO ASSIST YOU IN MAKING YOUR MOVE TO VANDENBERG A POSITIVE ONE IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE WILL BE WELL PROUD.

THANK YOU.

COL. THOMPSON: MR. WALKER WILL BE FOLLOWED BY GERALD JANKOWSKI.

MR. WALKER: THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TONIGHT. MY NAME IS JOHN WALKER, 110 FRANCIS WAY, PISMO BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

I'M THE GENERAL MANAGER OF SANTA MARIA TOWN SENT AND TOWN CENTER WEST A 750,000 SQUARE FOOT REGIONAL SHOPPING CENTER LOCATED IN SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA. I'M SPEAKING TO YOU TONIGHT IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED RELOCATION ON BEHALF OF THE PARTNERSHIP KNOWN AS SANTA MARIA TOWN CENTER ASSOCIATES, OWNER OF SANTA MARIA TOWN CENTER AND TOWN CENTER WEST, AS WELL AS THE COLLECTIVE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CENTER MANAGEMENT AND THE FOUR DEPARTMENT STORES AND 24 SPECIALTY SHOPS THAT COMPRISE OUR TWO CENTERS. THE EXISTENCE OF SANTA MARIA TOWN CENTER AND TOWN CENTER WEST IS CREDITED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE

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SANTA MARIA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BY THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA IN 1976.

THE GOAL OF THE AGENCY WAS TO REDEVELOP THE DOWNTOWN AREA IN AN EFFORT TO ELIMINATE BLIGHT, DIVERSIFY THE CITIES ECONOMY, CREATE JOBS AND GENERATE SALES TAX. IN THE CALENDER YEAR '89, SANTA MARIA TOWN CENTER AND TOWN CENTER WEST EMPLOYED OVER 800 FULL- OR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES, AND GENERATED APPROXIMATELY $71,690,000 IN RETAIL SALES, WHICH ARE TRANSLATED TO APPROXIMATELY $4.5 MILLION TO THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA.

THE SPANISH STYLE ARCHITECTURE OF THIS CENTER CAPTURES THE BEAUTY AND HERITAGE THE SANTA MARIA VALLEY, AND CERTAINLY LENDS TO THE ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRITY OF THE CITY AS IT WAS DESIGNED. AS MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, SANTA MARIA TOWN CENTER AND TOWN CENTER WEST IS A FOUR DEPARTMENT STORE REGIONAL SHOPPING CENTER OF APPROXIMATELY 750,000 SQUARE FEET. A NEW MAY COMPANY, WHICH WILL OPEN IN OCTOBER OF 1990, AN EXPANDED AND RENOVATED GOODSCHOCK'S, MERVYN'S, AND SEARS. THE 124 SPECIALTY SHOPS INCLUDE A WIDE VARIETY OF CLOTHIERS, CATERS TO THE NEEDS OF OUR DIVERSE MARKET, OF WHICH VANDENBERG IS A MAJOR PART. PART OF THE MASTER PLAN PROVIDES FOR A FIFTH DEPARTMENT STORE, 48,000 FEET OF ADDITIONAL SPACE, AND A BRIDGE SPANNING BROADWAY CONNECTING THE TWO CENTERS. UPON COMPLETION OF THIS PHASE, THE CENTER WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 808,000 SQUARE FEET, A RETAIL GYM

UNEQUALED IN SIZE OR QUALITY ON THE CENTRAL COAST.

OUR MOST RECENT STUDY SHOWS THAT 55 PERCENT OF OUR CUSTOMERS COME FROM 15 OR MORE MILES AWAY OR MORE, SPECIFICALLY VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, WHICH HISTORICALLY HAS COMPRISED UP TO 20 PERCENT OF OUR MARKET SHARE. AS WE WERE ADVERSELY AFFECTED IN 1986 BY THE LOSS OF APPROXIMATELY 5,000 EMPLOYEES, WE WOULD OBVIOUSLY BENEFIT FROM ANY POSITIVE GROWTH REALIZED BY THE BASE, AS WELL.

BASED ON THIS INFORMATION, VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE IS VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF SANTA MARIA TOWN CENTER TOWN AND CENTER WEST, AND ULTIMATELY TO THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA.

GIVEN OUR CURRENT SIZE AND STATURE, COMBINED WITH A FUTURE GROWTH POTENTIAL, SANTA MARIA TOWN CENTER AND TOWN CENTER WEST STAND QUALIFIED TO SATISFY THE RETAIL NEEDS OF THE EXPANDING MARKET BASE SUCH AS THE ONE PROPOSED TONIGHT. THIS EXCELLENCE IN RETAIL SHOPPING COMBINED WITH A HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE FOUND IN THE SANTA MARIA VALLEY MAKES VANDENBERG THE OBVIOUS CHOICE FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE.

THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN BY ALL HERE THAT THE PARTNERSHIP OF SANTA MARIA TOWN CENTER AND TOWN CENTER WEST FULLY SUPPORTS OF THE PROPOSED RELOCATION OF THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE TO VANDENBERG. 15.10

TO THAT END, WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE LONG-TERM STEPS NECESSARY TO FACILITY SUCH A RELOCATION TO

THE BENEFIT OF ALL CONCERNED.

THANK YOU.

COL. THOMPSON: MR. JANKOWSKI WILL BE FOLLOWED BY MICHAEL BRIAN STOKER.

MR. JANKOWSKI: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS GERALD JANKOWSKI AND I RESIDE IN THE ORKA AREA. I'VE BEEN A RESIDENT OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FOR WELL OVER 20 YEARS. DURING THIS TIME, I'VE WITNESSED -- AND PERSONALLY EXPERIENCED -- THE ECONOMIC FLUCTUATIONS THIS AREA WITH REGARD TO THE AEROSPACE BUST AND THE BOST CYCLE THE SPACE SHUTTLE DISASTER OF '86 LEFT OUR COMMUNITIES REELING IN ECONOMY UNCERTAINTY. OUR AREA HAS SUFFERED SIGNIFICANT LOSSES AND VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE HAS LOST WELL OVER 5,000 AEROSPACE RELATED JOBS BECAUSE OF THIS EVENT, JOBS THAT WOULD HAVE PROVIDED FOR A GOOD LIVING FOR THE MANY PEOPLE IT WOULD HAVE EMPLOYED, SALARIES THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN SPENT IN OUR COMMUNITY, WHICH WOULD ALLOW OUR BUSINESSES TO GROW AND PROSPER. INSTEAD, WE ARE NOW AGAIN LEFT WITH AN OVER-ABOUNDANCE OF HOTEL ROOMS AND INDUSTRY BUILDINGS, A VERY UNDESIRABLE CONDITION THAT WE AS A COMMUNITY SWORE DURING THE LATE 1960'S THAT WE WOULD NEVER ALLOW TO HAPPEN AGAIN.

FRUSTRATION AND DISAPPOINTMENT FROM WOULD-BE WORKERS UNABLE TO PUT THEIR SCHOOLS TO BEE RUN DEEP AND WIDE. FOR OUR CITIZENS WHO ATTEMPT TO STAY AND WORK IN THE

AREA THEY MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN DRIVING TO SANTA MARIA OR SAN LUIS OBISPO IN ORDER TO FIND A COMPETITIVE JOB MARKET WHICH PAYS COMPARABLE WAGES. THIS COMMUTING CREATES FURTHER TRAFFIC POLLUTION AND RETAIL LEAKAGE PROBLEMS FOR NORTHERN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY. THE SO-CALLED EQUITY IMMIGRANTS WHO LIVE THE BIG CITIES TO RETIRE TO SMALLER COMMUNITIES ARE HAVING A GREAT IMPACT IN REDEFINING THE FUTURE OF COMMUNITIES SUCH AS OURS. YOU ARE FORTUNATE THEIR NEEDS ARE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF A COMMUNITY WHO'S NEED IS TO INCREASE JOBS OPPORTUNITIES FOR SONS AND DAUGHTERS. ACCORDING TO TODAY'S LOS ANGELES TIMES ARTICLE, THE 1990 POPULATION IS CLOSE TO 29 MILLION AND GROWING. PEOPLE ENJOY LIVING AND WORKING IN CALIFORNIA. PROSPERITY AND QUALITY OF LIFE CONCERNS AFFECT EACH OTHER AND THEY MUST NOT BE CONSIDERED MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE. I BELIEVE IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO FEEL GOOD IN A COMMUNITY WHICH IS ALSO IN THE MIDST OF LOSING EMPLOYMENT AND FOREVER STRUGGLING TO FUND IT'S BUDGETARY NEEDS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO THE ECONOMIC TURN THAT YOUR RELOCATION TO VANDENBERG WOULD BRING. I BELIEVE THAT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE WOULD NOT SUFFER HALF AS MUCH AS IT MAY IF WE AGAIN CHOOSE TO BURY OUR HEADS AND NOT ADDRESSING THE ISSUES. I SEEK THIS OPPORTUNITY. 15.10

THANK YOU.

COL. THOMPSON: MR. STOKER WILL BE FOLLOWED BY

TIMOTHY J. STAPPEL.

MR. STOKER: THANK YOU, COLONEL. MY NAME IS MIKE STOKER. I RESIDE AT 2154 FALLEN LAKE DRIVE, SANTA MARIA (CALIFORNIA). I'M AN ATTORNEY AND COUNTY SUPERVISOR. FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE AIR FORCE FOR HOLDING THIS HEARING IN LOMPOC TO GIVE THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTH COUNTY AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD IN REGARDS TO THE POTENTIAL PARTIAL OR FULL RELOCATION OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE TO VANDENBERG.

FIRST, I'D LIKE TO MAKE A COUPLE COMMENTS TO STATE WATER. I DO BELIEVE, AS MR. HOHLDAHL INDICATED, THAT IT MAY BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS PURSUANT TO THE NEPA PROCESS TO INCORPORATE BY REFERENCE THE DRAFT OF THE STATE WATER PROJECT. I THINK THAT YOU WILL FIND THAT THAT DOCUMENT FULLY SUPPORTS THE CONCLUSIONS MADE IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT THAT'S BEFORE US TONIGHT.

THE OTHER COMMENT THAT I THINK IS APPROPRIATE ON STATE WATER THAT WAS SOME PEOPLE THAT COMMENTED IN REGARDS TO BEFORE STATE WATER COULD COME, THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE, BUT AS THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT POINTED OUT, 80 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE WOULD RESIDE IN SANTA MARIA, AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT SANTA MARIA DOES NOT HAVE TO VOTE FOR STATE WATER, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL HAS GONE ON RECORD SUPPORTING STATE WATER, AND STATE WATER WILL COME TO SANTA MARIA AS SOON AS

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IT'S AVAILABLE. SO I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THE COMMENTS SHOULD INDICATE.

IN REGARDS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, I REVIEWED THE DOCUMENT AND FIND IT ADEQUATE AND COMPLETE PURSUANT TO NEPA. REGARDING THE ISSUE OF PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECTS, WHILE THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA HAS NOT PASSED A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RELOCATION, I COMMEND BOTH SUPERVISORS OWENS AND HIYOSHI FOR FINALLY EXPRESSING THE COUNTY'S FULL SUPPORT FOR RELOCATION. THIS, IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT BOTH THE CITY OF LOMPOC AND SANTA MARIA MADE UNANIMOUS RESOLUTIONS SUPPORTING A PARTIAL OR FULL RELOCATION, SHOULD BE AN INDICATION OF THE STRONG SUPPORT FROM THE NORTH COUNTY. AFTER ALL, BOTH THE SANTA MARIA AND LOMPOC CITY COUNCILORS ARE ELECTED BY NORTH COUNTY RESIDENTS, AND THOSE COUNCIL SPEAK ON BEHALF OF 60,000 RESIDENTS.

IN NORTH COUNTY, WE WANT TO MAINTAIN A STRONG ECONOMIC BASE AND CERTAINLY ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO DO THIS IS TO ASSIST CLEAN INDUSTRIES AND THEIR MOVES TO NORTH COUNTY. OBVIOUSLY, LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE OPERATIONS ARE ONE SUCH INDUSTRY WHICH DOES NOT POLLUTE OUR AIR OR WATER DIRECTLY AND PROVIDES A STRONG ECONOMIC FORCE WITH SUBSTANTIAL INCOME WHICH WOULD BE REINVESTED BACK INTO OUR LOCAL ECONOMY.

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MAJORITY OF THE NORTH COUNTY RESIDENTS VIEW THE CONCEPT OF LOCATION AS OPPORTUNITY. YES, WE MUST WAIT FOR THE REVIEW PROCESS TO BE COMPLETED AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT TO BE CERTIFIED. BUT WHEN THAT PROCESS IS FINISHED, I AM CERTAIN, AND BELIEVE YOU WILL FIND THE COOPERATIVE AGENTS, AND I THINK TONIGHT, AS YOU LOOK FROM THE SPEAKERS -- THEY'VE COME FROM SOLVANG, SAN YSIDRO, SANTA MARIA, AND LOMPOC -- AND YOU FIND THOSE VALLEYS WILL MAKE ANYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAKE RELOCATION POSSIBLE AND MITIGATE AGAINST IMPACT TO THE ENVIRONMENT. WHEN CONSIDERING RELOCATION, KEEP IN MIND WHAT THE AIR FORCE WILL BE OFFERING THOSE TO BE RELOCATED -- THE QUALITY OF LIFE ONLY KNOWN IN THE NORTH COUNTY.

WITH THIS IN MIND I WOULD JUST SAY, PLEASE, GIVE US THE CHANCE. I CAN ASSURE YOU WE WON'T LET YOU DOWN.

THANK YOU.

COL. THOMPSON: TIMOTHY STAPPEL WILL BE FOLLOWED BY -- YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE MY ATTEMPT AT PRONOUNCING THIS -- SANTA VUJICIC.

MR. VUJICIC: THAT'S PRETTY CLOSE.

MR. STAPPEL: MY NAME IS TIMOTHY STAPPEL, 1517 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, HERE IN LOMPOC (CALIFORNIA 93136). IT'S NICE TO BE HERE TONIGHT. I'M A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF THIS VALLEY I GREW UP IN VANDENBERG VILLAGE, LIVE IN LOMPOC

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NOW. I SPOKE FROM THAT STAGE AS A STUDENT CLASS PRESIDENT HERE AT THIS HIGH SCHOOL, SO IT'S NICE TO BE BACK.

MY PRIMARY MOTIVATION IN COMING TONIGHT WAS TO EXPRESS THE SUPPORT FOR THE AIR FORCE RELOCATION AND TO NOTE THAT IT'S ONE STEP IN THE LONG PROCESS. I KNOW THAT THE BASE CLOSURE ACT THAT HAS BEEN ENACTED BY CONGRESS. IT IS A LONG PROCESS, AND THIS IS JUST A VERY PRELIMINARY STEP. I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT I HAVE A BUSINESS IN LOMPOC THAT MY WIFE -- SHE IS ALSO A LONG-TIME LOMPOC RESIDENT -- SHE RUNS THE FAMILY BUSINESS AND I PRACTICE LAW IN SANTA MARIA.

I WOULD JUST LIKE TO NOTE THAT MY MOTIVATION IN COMING TONIGHT WAS TO KIND OF COUNTER SOME OF THE NEGATIVE INPUT FROM THE COUNTY RESOURCES MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT AND SOME OF THE FALL OUT FROM THAT. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT AND I WANT TO JUST GIVE A COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR THE STATEMENTS, I THINK BECAUSE THEY WOKE UP US UP AND GOT US OUT HERE. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR COMING TONIGHT.

I'M GOING TO CUT MY COMMENTS SHORT AND JUST MENTION ONE OR STATE WATER. MR. STOKER MADE SOME COMMENTS, WHICH WERE EXTREMELY WELL, AND THERE WAS A COMMENT MADE ABOUT THE AIR FORCE AND THE AIR FORCE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE DEGRADATION OF THE GROUND WATER IN THIS COMMUNITY AND THE VALLEYS THAT'S GOING NOW. WITH OR WITHOUT THIS PROJECT AND THE STEPS TO CORRECT IT WILL BE ANTICIPATION OF

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SOME SUPPLEMENTAL WATER SOURCE, AND THOSE STEPS WILL BE TAKEN. IT'S GOING TO COME TO BOTH THE PEOPLE AND THE SANTA MARIA VALLEY AND THE SANTA MARIA VALLEY HAS TAKEN STEPS ASSURE THAT THERE WILL BE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY FOR ITS RESIDENTS, REGARDLESS OF THIS ENTIRE PROCESS OF THIS PROJECT.

SO I'D LIKE TO POINT THAT -- I'D LIKE TO ALSO POINT OUT THAT I PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN THE LEGAL FOR A MAJOR DEFENSE COUNSEL AT VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE AND ONE THING THAT WE FOUND -- THAT WAS SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND DURING THE TIME THAT THE BIG SPACE SHUTTLE BUILD-UP WAS GOING ON -- WAS THAT EVERY ONE HERE ENJOYS THIS AREA. I GREW UP IN IT AND I LOVE IT. IT ISN'T TRUE THOSE PEOPLE COMING IN FROM THE MAJOR METROPOLITAN AREAS TO LOMPOC AND SANTA MARIA, WHICH THEY THOUGHT WAS ON THE OUT IN THE STICKS AND NOT ENOUGH ACTION, AND WHAT WE FOUND WAS THE PEOPLE THAT REALLY ENJOY IT HERE MADE THE BEST EMPLOYEES. THE MOST STABLE EMPLOYEES WERE THOSE THAT HAVE TIES TO THIS AREA. AND THAT TIES IN WITH THE FACT THAT WE HAVE A STABLE SKILLED WORK FORCE IN PLACE, IN THE NORTH COUNTY AS WELL AS SOUTH SLO COUNTY. AND MANY PEOPLE, WHEN THEY TALK ABOUT THIS FIGURE, THE 18,900 THAT'S IDENTIFIED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, A GOOD NUMBER OF THOSE JOBS MAY BE TAKEN BY PEOPLE ALREADY IN THIS AREA. AND THAT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT.

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I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO NOTE ABOUT THOUGH THOSE 5,000 JOBS WE LOST AND INDICATE THAT MAYBE WE OUGHT TO BE TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING LESS BECAUSE OF THAT, AND FURTHERMORE INDICATE THAT THOSE 5,000 JOBS WERE ESSENTIALLY, I BELIEVE, IDENTIFIED AS DIRECT JOBS LOST. IN OTHER WORDS, DIRECT EMPLOYMENT RELATED TO THE AIR FORCE AND NOT NECESSARILY THE OTHER INDIRECT JOBS IN BUSINESSES IN BOTH SANTA MARIA AND LOMPOC. THEY LOST EMPLOYMENT, AS WELL.

WITH THAT, THE ONLY OTHER COMMENT I WANT TO MAKE IS COMMEND THE CITY OF LOMPOC AND THE COUNTY FOR POSING REDUCTIONS. THE COUNTY WAS ASKED TO DO SO, BUT DID NOT. I AM DELIGHTED BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNTY HERE TONIGHT MAKING THOSE STATEMENTS. COLONEL, IN YOUR BUSINESS THE PRIOR STATEMENTS WOULD BE PRIOR INCONSISTENT STATEMENTS, AND SO IT'S NICE TO SEE THAT THEY'VE COME AROUND, AND WE WISH IT WERE EARLIER.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COL. THOMPSON: FOLLOWING MR. VOJICIC WILL BE CHARLES SCHERMERHORN.

MR. VOJICIC: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS WALTER, BUT IT'S JUST A SLIGHT CORRECTION, BUT I COULD UNDERSTAND AND CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE DIFFICULTY IN PRONOUNCING THAT. IT'S 3700 COSTA VIA ROAD IN VANDENBERG VILLAGE.

FIRST OF ALL I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY

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THANKS AND APPRECIATION FOR U.S. AIR FORCE FOR CONDUCTING A PUBLIC HEARING IN SUCH A CAPACITY AND SEEKING AN INPUT THAT IS GOING TO BE VALUABLE TO THEIR DECISION MAKING. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT MANY OTHER COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD AND THEIR ARMIES DO NOT GIVE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO THE CITIZENS AS MUCH AS THE U.S. DOES.

I WOULD LIKE TO FOCUS MY INPUT, I DON'T HAVE ANY ORGANIZATION SPEECH, BUT I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY AS IT COMES TO MY MIND, AND I WOULD LIKE TO DIVIDE MY INPUT TO YOU ON TWO PHASES. ONE IS ECONOMIC AND THE OTHER ONE IS ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

ON THE ECONOMIC PART, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A STATEMENT THAT I HAVE A UNIQUE POSITION THAT I'M SPEAKING TONIGHT TO YOU, AND ONE OF THEM IS THAT I SPENT MANY YEARS IN SOUTH BAY CONDUCTING BUSINESS AS LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER AND MEMBER OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF HAWTHORNE, AS WELL AS MEMBER OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN THE CITY OF LAWNDALE, SO I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE FROM MANY ASPECTS. I WANTED TO GIVE YOU AN INPUT FROM THAT PART FROM WHY YOU'RE MOVING FROM THERE AND GIVE YOU SOME OBSERVATIONS THAT I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OBSERVE AND TAKE IT IN AND POSSIBILITY PASS IT OVER TO YOU.

I AM WITH PRIME WEST, INCORPORATED, AND WE OWN APPROXIMATELY 25 OR MORE APARTMENT BUILDINGS IN THE IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORHOOD OF YOUR BASE IN EL SEGUNDO THAT

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YOU'RE MOVING FROM, APPROXIMATELY WITHIN A ONE MILE RADIUS. I'VE BEEN TALKING TO THE LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS THERE, I'VE BEEN TALKING TO LOCAL REALTORS, I'VE BEEN OBSERVING THE LOCAL MERCHANTS, AND IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT PROPOSED MOVE, FROM GENERAL COMMUNITY AND I COULD REALLY SAY THAT BECAUSE I KEEP A VERY CLOSE TOUCH. I HAVE NOT SEEN ANY VOCAL OR ANY OPPOSITION TO THE MOVE FROM LOCAL BUSINESS, IT'S RESIDENTS OR MERCHANTS OR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. MAYBE IT IS BECAUSE THERE IS MANY OTHER GIANTS THAT ARE OFFERING EMPLOYMENT, SUCH AS NORTHROP, ROCKWELL, DOUGLAS, AND OTHERS THAT REALLY OFFER DIVERSITY AND ECONOMY IN THAT PORTION FROM WHERE THE EXISTING BASE IS LOCATED.

NOW, ON THE OTHER HAND, I'VE BEEN CLOSELY OBSERVING THE ECONOMY CONDITIONS IN THE VALLEY, LOMPOC VALLEY IN PARTICULAR, AND ALSO AS A LOCAL SHOPPING CENTER OWNER IN THE CENTER OF VANDENBERG VILLAGE, I ALSO HAVE NOTICED THAT TENANTS WITHIN A SHOPPING CENTER THAT WE OWN HAVE EXPRESSED OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME CONCERNS OF THEIR ECONOMIC EXISTENCE. THEY'VE BEEN HAVING TROUBLE PAYING RENT. THEY'VE BEEN HAVING PROBLEM OF MEETING THEIR MONTHLY OBLIGATIONS, AND ONE OF THE REASONS THAT I WAS TOLD THAT IT IS BECAUSE OF THE STAGNATING ECONOMIC CONDITIONS RESULTING OVER THE YEARS IN REDUCTION OF EMPLOYMENT BASE IN THE COMMUNITY. ALL THIS COMBINED, I FEEL THAT EMPLOYMENT IS

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ONE OF THE MOST VITAL FACTORS IN THE HUMAN BASIC NEEDS, AND THAT IS WHAT PROVIDES A HAPPY FAMILY, AND A HAPPY INCOME TO MAKE THE MORTGAGE PAYMENTS AND MAKE THEIR DAILY NEEDS BE MET. SO AS THE EMPLOYMENT IS OFFERED, I FEEL THAT THE ECONOMIC BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY WILL ACHIEVE AND HEREIN COULD GET PRIORITY OVER SOME OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES THAT WERE ADDRESSED THIS IN THE EVENING IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS THAT YOU HAVE PLACED.

I FEEL THAT U.S. AIR FORCE AND IT'S REPRESENTATION IN THE PAST, IT'S QUALITY OF CONDUCTING THEIR STUDIES, HAS PROVEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO OUR COUNTRY THAT THEY ARE SENSITIVE TO MANY FACTORS AND I FEEL, AND MANY PEOPLE THAT I SPOKE TO FEEL, THAT THEY TRUST IT. IF THE MOVE TAKES PLACE A LOT OF THE ISSUES WILL BE ADDARSSED IN A PROPER FASHION AND IT WILL BE EXECUTED IN A WAY WHICH WILL ENHANCE THE QUALITY IN OUR COMMUNITY HERE. I ALSO FEEL THAT THE RESIDENTS THAT WILL BE MOVING FROM THE SOUTH BAY AREA HAVE ESTABLISHED A LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP, AS WELL, AND MOVING THEM OUT OF STATE WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL. THEY HAVE ESTABLISHED THE CONTEXT OF FAMILIES AND SO FORTH, AND BY MOVING OUT IN THAT DIRECTION IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL.

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EVERYTHING ELSE I FELL THAT THE U.S. AIR FORCE REALLY SHOULD MAKE THE MOVE TO VANDENBERG VILLAGE. AND I, AS A LOCAL SHOPPING CENTER OWNER WHOSE IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE BASE, WELCOME THAT MOVE. I FEEL IT WILL HELP THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND EVERYTHING ELSE IN GENERAL. 15.10

AS FAR AS BURTON MESA CHAPARRAL IS CONCERNED, THERE WERE MANY ISSUES ADDRESSED ON THAT, AND I FEEL THAT THE POSSIBILITY IN WHICH IS DONE AND IT'S UNDERSTANDING THE U.S. AIR FORCE MIGHT PRESERVE SOME OF IT ON IT'S OWN LAND AND LEAVE US ON THE PRIVATE SECTOR OFF THAT RESPONSIBILITY. PLEASE TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION. SO, IN SHORT, I FEEL THAT YOU ARE ALL WELCOME AND AS YOU HAVE SEEN TONIGHT OVER THE PRESENTATION.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COL. THOMPSON: MR. SCHERMERHORN WILL BE FOLLOWED BY MR. JAMES SPELLMAN.

MR. SCHERMERHORN: I'M CHARLES SCHERMERHORN. I LIVE AT 821 CALVERT IN LOMPOC (CALIFORNIA 93436). I'M HERE TONIGHT TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION OF THE MOVE. WHAT I'VE HEARD TONIGHT -- AND THE REASON I CAME HERE IS LESS ENVIRONMENTAL THAN ECONOMIC. WHEN I FIRST CAME, I WAS BORN IN SAN FRANCISCO, I GREW UP THERE AND MOVED BACK. I WENT TO SCHOOL THERE AND CAME BACK OUT HERE TO THE GLENDORA AREA IN 1958. IN 1958 THE AREA AROUND GLENDORA, EAST OF LOS ANGELES WAS A BLINKING RED STOP LIGHT ON A TWO-WAY, 15.7

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FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY SURROUNDED BY THOUSANDS OF ACRES OF LEMON AND ORANGE GROVES. WHEN WE MOVED OUT THERE IN 1971 AND WHEN I FINALLY DECIDED ON MOVING, THOSE GROVES WERE GONE. THERE IS NO LEMON GROVES OUT THERE. NOW IT'S WALL-TO-WALL COMMUNITY. ALL THE WAY FROM SAN BERNARDINO TO SANTA MONICA.

IN 1961, WHEN WE CAME OUT HERE, I WAS LOOKING FOR A JOB AS A TEACHER. I WENT TO FILLMORE AND INTERVIEWED OUT THERE. THE VALLEY AROUND FILLMORE WAS PRIMARILY CITRUS. THE FARMERS OUT THERE WERE SAYING, "WE'RE LOSING OUR FIELDS BECAUSE THE TAX BASE IS SO HIGH WE CAN'T KEEP THEM ANYMORE." BUT YOU DRIVE THROUGH THE 126 AND THERE ARE NO GROVES. SIMI VALLEY WAS COMPLETELY LEMONS AND CITRUS. THERE'S NO CITRUS GROVES NOW, IT'S WALL-TO-WALL COMMUNITY. LOMPOC AS I'VE BEEN TOLD HERE IS AN INDIAN WORD MEANING THE VALLEY OF FLOWERS. WE LIVE IN A COMMUNITY IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO FLOWER FIELDS. I SEE DOWN CENTRAL AVENUE SOME OF THOSE FIELDS BEING BULLDOZED FOR NEW HOUSING.

A FEW YEARS AGO I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO THE MAYOR OF PASADENA AND PASADENA AT THAT TIME WAS UNDERGOING AN ENORMOUS AND CONVULSIVE GROWTH PROJECT. DEVELOPERS AND HOUSINGS WERE BEING PULLED DOWN, INDIVIDUAL HOUSING CONDOS AND APARTMENTS BEING PUT UP. THE MAYOR WAS COMPLAINING ABOUT THE CITY BUDGET I ASKED HIM CONFIDENTIAL HE PERSONALLY WHAT HE THOUGHT THAT THE POPULATION INCREASE

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AND THE INCREASE IN BUILDING AND HOUSING AND THE TAX BASE THAT WAS BEING INCREASED BY THAT WOULD BEGIN TO PAY FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WAS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE ADDITIONAL POLICE, FIRE, HOSPITAL, STREET MAINTENANCE, WATER, ET CETERA. HE SAID, "NO, THERE WAS NO WAY THAT THE CITY COULD BEGIN TO RECOUP THAT." THIS WAS A SHORT-TERM SOLUTION TO A LONG-TERM PROBLEM, AND SOONER OR LATER THEY WOULD HAVE TO DEAL WITH IT.

I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH WHAT THE AIR FORCE IS PROPOSING TO DO. WHAT I DO HAVE A PROBLEM WHAT IS IT'S GOING TO DO TO LOMPOC WHAT IT HAS DONE TO THESE OTHER COMMUNITIES. I'M WHAT WAS CALLED AN EQUITY IMMIGRANT. BUT I GUARANTEE YOU THAT WHEN I CAME UP HERE TO LOOK AT VALLEY HOUSES, MY REALTOR DIDN'T SAY THAT WITH DISGUST. HE ENCOURAGED ME TO MOVE UP HERE THAT MANY PEOPLE FROM SAN BERNARDINO AND THE LOS ANGELES AREA WERE FINDING ATTRACTIVE BECAUSE OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE THAT EXISTED AT THAT TIME. I AGREE WITH THAT WE'RE VERY HAPPY HERE.

I KNOW THAT THE COMMUNITY THAT I LIVED IN, LA CRESENTA, HAS A HISTORY WHICH GOES BACK PROBABLY ABOUT AS FAR AS LOMPOC DOES. IT'S IN THE CRESENTA VALLEY AND HAS A HISTORY VERY MUCH SIMILAR TO THIS. WHEN WE MOVED THERE 28 YEARS AGO, 30 YEARS AGO, IT WAS A PLEASANT PLACE TO LIVE. WITHIN THE LAST FIVE YEARS THERE'S BEEN AN EXPLOSION OF BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE COMMUNITY, WHICH WAS

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DISASTROUS. THEY WERE PULLING DOWN ONE-STORY HOMES AND PUTTING UP TWO- OR THREE-STORY BUILDINGS ON A LOT. THAT INCREASES THE POPULATION CAPACITY BY TWO OR THREE TIMES. FRANKLY, THE QUALITY OF LIFE DETERIORATED TO THE POINT WHERE WE NO LONGER WANTED TO LIVE THERE. OUR KIDS WERE RAISED THERE AND WENT THROUGH SCHOOL THERE, BUT IT WAS NO LONGER A PLACE WE WANTED TO LIVE.

WE LIKE LOMPOC. I TELL YOU VERY FRANKLY I AM VERY GLAD THAT HARRIS GRADE IS NOT A FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY. WE CAN LEAVE AND BE IN THE COUNTRY. AND I PRAISE GOD FOR THE BURTON MESA CHAPARRAL AND THE STICKLEBACK. THEY'RE PART OF THE LAND THAT WAS HERE BEFORE WE CAME. THEY'RE GOING TO BE PART OF THE LAND AFTER WE LIVE. THERE WILL BE LIFE HERE, VERY, VERY SHORT-TERM KIND OF A SITUATION HERE, BUT WE HAVE WATER PROBLEMS. WE HAVE CROWDING PROBLEMS. WE HAVE A QUALITY OF LIFE PROBLEM. WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE IS THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF HAVING THE AIR FORCE ADDING A LOT OF PEOPLE. THE REAL ESTATE INTERESTS ARE HAPPY WITH THAT. THE CONSTRUCTION INTERESTS ARE HAPPY WITH THAT. I'M ON THE VERGE OF GETTING MY REAL ESTATE LICENSE, SO I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH REAL ESTATE. BUT THE ISSUE HERE THAT'S BEEN DISCUSSED TONIGHT IS LESS ONE OF THE OF ENVIRONMENT THAN IT IS OF ECONOMICS, AND I THINK THAT THAT'S COMING. THAT WE SHOULD REALIZE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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COL. THOMPSON: MR. SPELLMAN.

MR. SPELLMAN: GOOD EVENING, GENTLEMEN, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR STAYING POWER.

I'M JIM SPELLMAN, ADDRESS IS 416 WEST NORTH AVENUE IN THE VALLEY OF THE FLOWERS, LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA. I'M HERE IN THE OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL SPACE SOCIETY/WESTERN SPACE PORT CHAPTER, WHICH I MIGHT ADD IS NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THE SPACE PORT AND SCIENCE CENTER. THAT'S THREE SEPARATE ORGANIZATIONS. I HAVE A COMMUNICATION THAT WAS TRANSMITTED TODAY TO US FROM WASHINGTON D.C. HEADQUARTERS, AND I WILL TRY TO CONSOLIDATE HERE BECAUSE PART OF THE TRANSMISSION WAS A LITTLE BIT GARBLED -- PART OF OUR MODERN-DAY WONDERS OF SPACE-AGE TECHNOLOGY.

THE NATIONAL SPACE SOCIETY IS A NON-PROFIT PUBLICLY-SUPPORTED MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO THE CREATION OF SPACE CIVILIZATIONS THE SOCIETY IS COMPRISED OF NEARLY 30,000 MEMBERS IN 120 CHAPTERS NATIONWIDE; AS WELL AS NINE INTERNATIONAL CHAPTERS, INCLUDING TWO RECENT ADDITIONS FROM POLAND AND IRAN.

THE NATIONAL SPACE SOCIETY CONDUCTS ANNUAL CONFERENCES, ESTIMATES THE SPACE COUNTRY AND PUBLISHES THE NATIONAL SPACE BULLETIN AND PUBLICATIONS. THE NATIONAL CITY BY THE NAME WESTERN SPACE PORT, CONSIDERED BY SOME TO BE ONE OF THE FLAG SHIP ORGANIZATIONS, BEING THE WINNER OF

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THE SOCIETY'S SPACE PIONEER AWARD FOR THREE YEARS, ENDORSES AND COMMENDS THE AIR FORCE IN THEIR CONSIDERATION OF CONSOLIDATING LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE UP TO VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE. CONSIDERING THE NATION'S WESTERN SPACE PORT WITH CONCERNS TO POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS THE SOCIETY, IS CONFIDENT THAT VANDENBERG'S ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE AT VANDENBERG WILL ADDRESS ALL POSSIBLE ISSUES, INCLUDING THE PROBLEM OF A PLAN FOR WATER PURPOSES. THE NATIONAL SPACE SOCIETY STANDS READY TO ASSIST YOU IN THESE MATTERS.

AS FAR AS COMMUNICATING YOUR CONCERNS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN LAY TERMS, THANK YOU. SINCERELY, CHARLES D. WALKER, FORMER ASTRONAUT, PRESIDENT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WASHINGTON, ABC NEWS, 20/20 HOST, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, AND GENE RODENBERRY, CREATOR OF STAR TREK, CHAIRMAN OF THE NSS BOARD OF ADVISORS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COL. THOMPSON: DO I HAVE ANY OTHER CARDS OUTSTANDING?

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THAT COMPLETES THIS PUBLIC HEARING. I THINK WE HAVE OFFERED EVERYBODY AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WHO DESIRED TO DO THAT.

I THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING.

I DO WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT, AS I MENTIONED SEVERAL TIMES EARLIER IN THE PRESENTATION, IF YOU DO DESIRE

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TO MAKE FURTHER WRITTEN COMMENTS, OR TO ASK FURTHER QUESTIONS, YOU DO HAVE UNTIL THE 24TH OF SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR TO MAKE THOSE COMMENTS OR ASK THOSE QUESTIONS BY SENDING THEM ON A WRITTEN COMMENT SHEET OR BY ADDRESSING THEM TO THE ADDRESS THAT WAS LISTED IN THE MATERIAL HANDED OUT TO YOU.

THIS HEARING IS ADJOURNED.

(WHEREUPON THE HEARING CONCLUDED AT 10:00 P.M.)

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF VENTURA)

I, VICKIE BLAIR, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

THAT ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 1990, I DID REPORT IN STENOGRAPH WRITING ALL OF THE PROCEEDINGS IN THE FOREGOING HEARING.

THAT SAID PROCEEDINGS WERE THEREAFTER REDUCED TO COMPUTERIZED TRANSCRIPTION UNDER MY DIRECTION.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A FULL, TRUE, AND CORRECT TRANSCRIPT OF SAID TESTIMONY AND PROCEEDINGS.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I AM NEITHER COUNSEL FOR NOR RELATED TO ANY PARTY TO SAID ACTION, NO.. IN ANYWISE INTERESTED IN THE OUTCOME THEREOF.

EXECUTED ON THIS 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1990, AT SIMI VALLEY, CALIFORNIA.

VICKIE BLAIR

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PUBLIC HEARING RE:

CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AFB AND RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION

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P R O C E E D I N G S

COL. THOMPSON: THIS PUBLIC HEARING WILL COME TO ORDER.

GOOD EVENING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. IT'S GRATIFYING TO SEE THAT CITIZENS OF THE SAN BERNARDINO COMMUNITY HAVE TURNED OUT TO ATTEND THIS PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT CONCERNING CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND THE RELOCATION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION.

ON THE 24TH OF MAY OF THIS YEAR, A SCOPING MEETING WAS HELD HERE IN SAN BERNARDINO TO IDENTIFY IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES THAT MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND THE RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. SUBSEQUENTLY, VARIOUS STUDIES WERE CONDUCTED REGARDING THOSE AND OTHER CONCERNS RELATED TO THE PROPOSED CLOSURE AND RELOCATION, AND A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT HAS BEEN PREPARED.

THE AIR FORCE HAS NOW DISTRIBUTED THIS DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WHICH ADDRESSES PROPOSALS TO CLOSE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE

BASE AND RELOCATE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION BEGINNING IN 1993 AND FINISHING IN 1996.

THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS IDENTIFIED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE SAN BERNARDINO AREA ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN THE HANDOUTS WHICH WERE AVAILABLE TO YOU JUST BEFORE YOU CAME INTO THE AUDITORIUM TONIGHT, AND THOSE IMPACTS WILL ALSO BE ADDRESSED IN THE REMARKS BY LT. COL. TOM BARTOL TONIGHT.

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY RECEIVED A COPY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, YOU MAY MAKE A SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR ONE BY WRITING TO THE AIR FORCE REGIONAL CIVIL ENGINEER CENTER AT NORTON AT THE ADDRESS THAT HAS BEEN SHOWN FOR YOU ON THE HANDOUT THAT YOU WERE GIVEN TONIGHT.

WHY ARE WE HERE THIS EVENING? THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS TO SOLICIT INPUT FROM PUBLIC AGENCIES, FROM PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, AND FROM THE PUBLIC AT LARGE ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT AND IMPLEMENTING FEDERAL REGULATIONS WHICH REQUIRE FEDERAL AGENCIES TO CAREFULLY ANALYZE POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF CERTAIN PROPOSED ACTIONS, AND TO USE THOSE ANALYSES IN

ARRIVING AT DECISIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO WHETHER TO PROCEED AND HOW TO PROCEED WITH A PARTICULAR ACTION.

I'VE BEEN DESIGNATED AS THE PRESIDING OFFICER FOR TONIGHT'S PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND THE RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION, INCLUDING THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION. I AM COL. BILL THOMPSON. I AM A FULL-TIME MILITARY JUDGE ASSIGNED TO THE AIR FORCE TRIAL JUDICIARY, TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA.

I'D LIKE YOU TO UNDERSTAND FROM THE BEGINNING THAT I AM NOT ASSIGNED TO THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE OR NORTON AIR FORCE BASE OR ANY OF THE BASES OR COMMANDS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR THE RELOCATION. I AM NOT HERE AS AN EXPERT ON THIS DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, NOR HAVE I HAD ANY CONNECTION WHATSOEVER WITH ITS DEVELOPMENT. I AM NOT HERE TO ACT AS A LEGAL ADVISER TO THE AIR FORCE REPRESENTATIVES WHO WILL ADDRESS THIS PROPOSAL. MY PURPOSE OF BEING HERE IS SIMPLY TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE A FAIR AND ORDERLY MEETING, AND THAT ALL WHO WISH TO BE HEARD WILL HAVE A FAIR CHANCE TO SPEAK TONIGHT.

WE DO HAVE SOME OTHER AIR FORCE MEMBERS WHO ARE HERE ASSEMBLED ON THE PANEL FOR YOU

TONIGHT. FIRST, ON YOUR RIGHT IS COL. GERALD PALUMBO, WHO IS THE COMPTROLLER OF THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION AT NORTON AIR FORCE BASE, AND HE IS HERE TO REPRESENT BMO. NEXT IS COL. PETER BOGY, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM AT HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND AT ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE IN MARYLAND. AND NEXT TO COL. BOGY IS LT. COL. TOM BARTOL FROM THE AIR FORCE REGIONAL CIVIL ENGINEER OFFICE AT NORTON AIR FORCE BASE. HE IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION THERE, AND HE WILL BE THE INDIVIDUAL PRIMARILY DESCRIBING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS PROCESS AND THE CONCLUSIONS THAT ARE REPORTED IN THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

WE ARE CREATING A PERMANENT RECORD OF THIS HEARING TONIGHT WHICH WILL BE TAKEN VERBATIM AND WILL BECOME A PART OF THE DECISION PACKAGE ON THIS PROPOSED ACTION. WE DO HAVE A COURT REPORTER WHO IS TAKING A VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF THIS PROCEEDING, AND I ASK FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN MAKING SURE THAT WE DO HAVE A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RECORD. I WILL ADDRESS THAT AND SOME OF THE GROUND RULES THAT I WILL DISCUSS WITH YOU IN A COUPLE OF MINUTES.

LET ME INDICATE TO YOU WHAT THIS HEARING

IS NOT. IT IS NOT A DEBATE, NOR IS IT A REFERENDUM OR A VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ACTION. THINGS OF THAT SORT REALLY DON'T ADD ANYTHING TO THE HEARING RECORD AND THEY SIMPLY WASTE YOUR VALUABLE TIME DURING THIS, YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE YOUR PERSONAL INPUT INTO THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. THE FOCUS OF THIS MEETING IS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS WHICH ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSALS BEING STUDIED BY THE AIR FORCE. COMMENTS ON NONENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES SHOULD NOT BE RAISED AT THIS HEARING. WHAT THIS INFORMAL MEETING IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE IS A CONTINUING PUBLIC FORUM FOR TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION ABOUT THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THE OVERALL DECISION-MAKING PROCESS.

PLEASE NOTICE THAT I STRESSED "TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION." AND THAT'S WHAT I HOPE WE WILL ACHIEVE TONIGHT. THE FIRST PART OF THE HEARING PROCESS WILL ALLOW YOU TO HEAR FROM KNOWLEDGEABLE AIR FORCE INDIVIDUALS CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL AND ITS DETAILS, AND THE ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THAT PROPOSAL. THE SECOND PART OF THE PROCESS GIVES YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE THE AIR FORCE INFORMATION, TO ASK QUESTIONS, AND TO MAKE STATEMENTS FOR THE RECORD. YOUR INPUT ENSURES THAT THE DECISION MAKERS MAY BENEFIT FROM

YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOCAL AREA AND YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF ANY ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS WHICH YOU THINK MAY RESULT FROM THE PROPOSED ACTION.

AS YOU CAME INTO THE AUDITORIUM TONIGHT, YOU WERE PROVIDED AN ATTENDANCE CARD AND ASKED TO INDICATE ON IT WHETHER YOU HAD ANY INPUT IN THE WAY OF A QUESTION OR A COMMENT FOR TONIGHT'S MEETING. WHEN THE BRIEFERS ARE FINISHED, WE WILL ENTER THE SECOND PART OF OUR HEARING PROCESS, AND DURING THAT PROCESS I WILL RECOGNIZE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING COMMENTS OR ASKING CLARIFYING QUESTIONS OF THE APPROPRIATE AIR FORCE REPRESENTATIVE. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO CAME INTO THE AUDITORIUM AND HAVE NOT FILLED OUT A CARD AND DESIRE TO SPEAK, IF YOU WOULD INDICATE THAT, SOMEONE WILL BRING YOU A CARD AND GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO FILL ONE OUT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU DO FILL OUT A CARD, BECAUSE THAT WILL BE MY METHOD OF RECOGNIZING THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO DO DESIRE TO BE RECOGNIZED AND TO EITHER ASK QUESTIONS OR TO MAKE STATEMENTS. AND THAT IS THE ONLY METHOD THAT I AM GOING TO FOLLOW. I AM GOING TO USE A RANDOM ORDER TO SELECT INDIVIDUALS AND RECOGNIZE THEM STRICTLY ON THE BASIS OF CARDS WHICH HAVE BEEN TURNED IN.

OUR ORDER OF PROCEEDING TONIGHT WILL BE IN THREE PARTS: FIRST, YOU ARE GOING TO GET A BRIEFING FROM COL. BOGY ON THE PROPOSED CLOSURE ACTION AND THE OVERALL STUDY PROCESS. THEN, YOU WILL RECEIVE A BRIEFING FROM LT. COL. BARTOL ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS PROCESS AND THE CONCLUSIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. FOLLOWING THOSE PRESENTATIONS, WE WILL PROCEED INTO THE PUBLIC INPUT PORTION OF THE HEARING. I WILL GIVE ELECTED OFFICIALS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK FIRST, FOLLOWED BY THE PUBLIC AT LARGE. AS I HAVE INDICATED, THOSE OF YOU WHO DO DESIRE TO SPEAK TO THE MEETING MUST TURN IN AN ATTENDANCE CARD INDICATING YOUR DESIRE TO SPEAK, BECAUSE THAT IS GOING TO BE THE ONLY METHOD I AM GOING TO USE TONIGHT TO RECOGNIZE YOU AND OFFER YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

IF YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE SPEAKING TONIGHT, *YOU DO HAVE UNTIL THE 24TH OF SEPTEMBER OF THIS* YEAR TO SUBMIT ANY STATEMENT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE THE AIR FORCE TO CONSIDER. YOU HAVE ALSO BEEN PROVIDED WITH WRITTEN COMMENT SHEETS AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE AUDITORIUM FOR YOUR USE IN PROVIDING THOSE COMMENTS. EVEN IF YOU DO MAKE COMMENTS OR ASK QUESTIONS TODAY, YOU MAY STILL SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS OR WRITTEN QUESTIONS AS

LONG AS YOU DO IT BY THE 24TH OF SEPTEMBER.

I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT WHETHER YOU MAKE A STATEMENT TONIGHT VERBALLY OR IN WRITING OR WHETHER YOU SUBMIT A WRITTEN QUESTION OR STATEMENT, ANY FORM OF INPUT WHICH YOU CHOOSE TO USE WILL RECEIVE EQUAL WEIGHT AND EQUAL CONSIDERATION. SO DON'T FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE TO SPEAK TONIGHT OR YOU HAVE TO SUBMIT A STATEMENT TONIGHT IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO WAIT AND REFINE YOUR THOUGHTS AND THEN SUBMIT SOMETHING LATER, AS *LONG AS YOU ARE SURE TO SUBMIT IT BEFORE THE 24TH* OF SEPTEMBER.

BY THE SAME TOKEN, YOU SHOULDN'T BE SHY OR HESITANT TO ASK A QUESTION OR TO MAKE A STATEMENT. I DO WANT TO ENSURE THAT ALL PEOPLE WHO WISH TO SPEAK TONIGHT OR MAKE A STATEMENT HAVE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND A FAIR CHANCE TO BE HEARD.

NOW, IN ORDER TO DO THAT, I AM GOING TO LAY DOWN CERTAIN GROUND RULES WHICH I ASK YOU TO HELP ME TO ENFORCE: FIRST, I'D ASK THAT YOU SPEAK ONLY AFTER I RECOGNIZE YOU, AND PLEASE ADDRESS YOUR REMARKS TO ME.

SECOND, I'D ASK YOU TO COME DOWN AND USE THE MICROPHONE WHICH HAS BEEN PROVIDED AT THE FRONT OF THE AUDITORIUM. PLEASE SPEAK CLEARLY AND

SLOWLY. AND THAT'S NOT ONLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE AUDIENCE, BUT FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR COURT REPORTER. I'D LIKE YOU TO START WITH YOUR NAME, YOUR ADDRESS, AND THE CAPACITY IN WHICH YOU APPEAR, WHETHER YOU ARE A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, A DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE OF A GROUP, OR JUST A CONCERNED CITIZEN.

IF YOU DO HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE ASK ONE QUESTION AT A TIME. AND BECAUSE YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE A TIME LIMIT, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU PRIORITIZE YOUR QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS TO ENSURE THAT YOUR MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ARE ADDRESSED FIRST.

I WILL RECOGNIZE EACH PERSON FOR FIVE MINUTES. THAT INCLUDES EVERYONE. I DO HAVE A TIMEKEEPER WHO WILL BE SEATED IN THE FRONT ROW TO ASSIST YOU AND TO ASSIST ME IN ENFORCING THAT TIME LIMIT. AND THE SYSTEM THAT I AM GOING TO USE IS RELATIVELY SIMPLE. THERE ARE TWO CARDS. THERE'S A YELLOW CARD WHICH WILL BE RAISED AT FOUR AND A HALF MINUTES TO INDICATE TO YOU THAT YOU HAVE 30 SECONDS LEFT, AND A RED CARD WHICH WILL BE RAISED AT THE FIVE-MINUTE POINT. SO WHEN YOU COME DOWN TO THE MICROPHONE AND BEGIN TO SPEAK, YOUR TIME WILL BEGIN. I ENCOURAGE YOU BASICALLY TO LOOK TO YOUR LEFT AS YOUR TIME GOES ON TO ENSURE THAT YOU

DON'T EXCEED THE TIME LIMIT.

I'D ASK YOU ALSO TO PLEASE HONOR ANY REQUEST FROM ME THAT YOU STOP SPEAKING. PLEASE DON'T SPEAK WHILE ANOTHER PERSON IS SPEAKING. I AM ONLY GOING TO RECOGNIZE ONE PERSON AT A TIME. AND OUR HOSTS TONIGHT HAVE ASKED THAT YOU KINDLY REFRAIN FROM SMOKING IN THIS HEARING. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION AND YOUR COOPERATION IN KEEPING THESE RULES SO THAT WE CAN ENSURE THAT WE HAVE A FAIR AND ORDERLY HEARING AND THAT WE GIVE EVERYBODY WHO DOES DESIRE TO SPEAK AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

I AM GOING TO MONITOR THE TIMES, AND I WILL DO EVERYTHING WITHIN MY POWER TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE HERE WHO WANTS TO SPEAK GETS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT YOU MIGHT ASK QUESTIONS THAT THE AIR FORCE REPRESENTATIVES ARE UNABLE TO ANSWER TONIGHT. AND THAT COULD OCCUR FOR A COUPLE OF REASONS: FIRST, EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE GOT A GOOD DEAL OF EXPERTISE ON THE PROPOSAL -- EXCLUDING MYSELF, OF COURSE -- ASSEMBLED HERE ON THE PANEL, OUR EXPERTS DO WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS COMPLETELY AND ACCURATELY, SO THAT THEY ARE NOT RELUCTANT TO DEFER IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE OR IF THEY NEED TO DO

FURTHER RESEARCH OR STUDY AND ADDRESS YOUR QUESTION EITHER IN WRITING OR IN THE FINAL VERSION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. AND, SECONDLY, THERE MIGHT BE QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS, AND THOSE QUESTIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE REVIEWED FURTHER BEFORE AN ANSWER COULD BE PROVIDED. IF THAT HAPPENS, AND IF THE QUESTION IS RELEVANT, IT WILL BE ADDRESSED IN THE FINAL VERSION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

ONE THING THAT I'D LIKE TO STRESS TO YOU, AGAIN, AND THAT IS YOUR PORTION OF THE TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION PROCESS. YOU MAY HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL INPUTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS THAT WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT. WE ARE VERY INTERESTED IN HAVING AND ANALYZING ALL POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THIS PROPOSED ACTION. YOU DO HAVE THE EXPERIENCE THAT COMES FROM LIVING IN THIS AREA AND, THEREFORE, YOUR INPUT INTO THIS SECOND PORTION OF THE TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT. I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THIS PUBLIC HEARING AND SHARING YOUR INTEREST AND CONCERN WITH THIS PARTICULAR PROPOSAL.

AND LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE IN BEING HERE IS, NUMBER ONE, TO PASS

INFORMATION TO YOU ABOUT THE PROPOSAL AND, NUMBER TWO, TO GATHER INFORMATION WHICH WOULD HELP US OR HELP THE AIR FORCE AUTHORITIES IN ANALYZING AND COMING TO A FINAL DECISION ABOUT THIS PROPOSED ACTION.

NOW, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE COL. PETER BOGY WHO WILL BRIEF THE PROPOSAL WHICH IS BEFORE US TONIGHT.

LT. COL. BOGY: GOOD EVENING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I AM THE ACTING CHIEF OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM AT AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND IN ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE. WE ARE THE MAJOR COMMAND FOR THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION -- WHICH I WILL REFER TO THROUGHOUT THIS BRIEFING AS "SSD" -- AND WE WILL PRESENT THE PROPONENT'S POINT OF VIEW.

FIRST, I WILL GIVE A LITTLE BACKGROUND, AND THEN I WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ACTION, WHICH IS CLOSE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND RELOCATE SSD, INCLUDING THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION -- WHICH, ALSO, I WILL REFER TO THROUGHOUT THIS PRESENTATION AS "BMO" -- TO ONE OF FOUR LOCATIONS. THEN I WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES, WHICH RANGE FROM RELOCATION OF PORTIONS OF SSD TO NO ACTION AT ALL. FINALLY, I WILL PRESENT THE ST.TUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR A

VARIETY OF STUDIES THAT WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE, COMPRISING AN AREA OF 238 ACRES IN EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA, IS THE HOST BASE FOR THE AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND, SSD. AN INTEGRAL PART OF SSD IS A FEDERALLY FUNDED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER, AEROSPACE CORPORATION.

SSD PLANS, PROGRAMS AND MANAGES SYSTEM COMMAND PROGRAMS TO ACQUIRE SPACE SYSTEMS, SUBSYSTEMS, SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, AND RELATED HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE. AMONG MANY OTHER CRITICAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE AIR FORCE SPACE PROGRAM, SSD ALSO CONDUCTS RESEARCH, EXPLORATORY DEVELOPMENT AND ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT FUTURE SPACE MISSIONS.

THE RECENT REALIGNMENT OF THE BALLISTIC SYSTEMS DIVISION PLACED THE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE PROGRAMS IN SSD. THIS UNIT, NOW KNOWN AS BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION, WAS DEDICATED SYSTEMS ENGINEERING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACTOR, KNOWN AS SETA, WHO ALSO WOULD BE A PART OF THE PROPOSED RELOCATION.

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ALTERNATIVES, SSD AND ITS SUPPORTING UNITS, INCLUDING AEROSPACE CORPORATION, ARE REFERRED TO AS SSD-LOS ANGELES. BMO AND ITS SUPPORTING UNITS, INCLUDING ITS SETA CONTRACTOR, ARE REFERRED TO AS SSD-SAN BERNARDINO.

LET US LOOK FOR A MOMENT --

FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS RELOCATION EVALUATION, THREE FUNCTIONAL GROUPS WITHIN SSD HAVE BEEN ISOLATED.

THE SPACE SYSTEMS PROGRAM OFFICE, THE SPO, THE ICBM SPOS, AND "OTHER" ACTIVITIES. THE SPACE SPOS, RESPONSIBLE FOR DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, ACQUISITION, TEST AND LAUNCH INCLUDE 1,240 MILITARY, 1,190 -- 2,590 AEROSPACE CORPORATION, AND 190 SETA CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL.

THE "OTHER" SPO ACTIVITIES AT SSD, INCLUDING THE MILSTAR JOINT PROGRAM OFFICE AND OTHER ADVANCED AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS, THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION LABORATORIES, AND VARIOUS BASE OPERATING SUPPORT EMPLOY 510 MILITARY, 250 DOD CIVILIAN, AND 1,590 AEROSPACE CORPORATION PERSONNEL.

FINALLY, THE BMO ICBM SPOS MANAGE BALLISTICS MISSILE SYSTEMS AND SUBSYSTEMS ACQUISITION PROGRAMS. THIS SPO ALSO PERFORMS THE ADVANCED STRATEGIC MISSILE TRI-SERVICE

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REQUIREMENTS AND HAS 660 MILITARY, 570 CIVILIAN, AND 1,300 SETA CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL.

THE BASIC PROPOSAL OR ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS ARE BASED ON A CONSTRUCTION AND RELOCATION SCHEDULE BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 1993 AND ENDING IN FISCAL 1996. DUE TO THE COMPLEXITY OF THE PROGRAM AND AVAILABLE RELOCATION RESOURCES, HOWEVER, THE PERSONNEL AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULES COULD EXTEND OVER A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME.

THE PROPOSED ACTION IS TO -- IS THE TOTAL CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE, THE COMPLETE CLOSURE OF BMO FACILITIES IN SAN BERNARDINO, AND THE RELOCATION OF SSD-LOS ANGELES AND SSD-SAN BERNARDINO TO ONE OF FOUR LOCATIONS.

SSD SUPPORT UNITS CURRENTLY AT LOS ANGELES AND SAN BERNARDINO THAT DUPLICATE UNITS ALREADY AT THE RELOCATION INSTALLATIONS WOULD NOT BE -- OR WOULD BE INACTIVATED.

THE CLOSURE OF SSD-LOS ANGELES FACILITIES WOULD INVOLVE APPROXIMATELY 1,760 MILITARY AND 6,400 CIVILIAN PERSONNEL. THERE ARE FIVE TENANT UNITS, 42 PERSONNEL, THAT WOULD NOT MOVE WITH SSD, AND WOULD RELOCATE WITHIN THE LOS ANGELES AREA.

THE CLOSURE OF SSD-SAN BERNARDINO FACILITIES WOULD INVOLVE APPROXIMATELY 660 MILITARY AND 1,870 CIVILIAN PERSONNEL.

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LET US LOOK NOW AT THE GEOGRAPHIC SETTING OF THE BASES UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR RELOCATION. THIS INCLUDES VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE HERE IN SAN BERNARDINO -- OR IN SAN -- VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE IN LOMPOC, MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, PATTERSON -- PETERSON AND FALCON AIR FORCE BASE IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO, AND KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE IN ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO.

FIVE ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED ACTION ARE CONSIDERED IN THIS EIS. THE ALTERNATIVES ARE NUMBERED IN THE DOCUMENT AND THIS PRESENTATION; HOWEVER, THEIR ORDER SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED TO IMPLY ANY RANKING OR PRIORITIZATION OF THE ALTERNATIVES.

THE FIRST ALTERNATIVE IS SIMILAR TO THE BASIC PROPOSAL, BUT WHILE THE SSD-LOS ANGELES OPERATIONS WOULD BE RELOCATED TO ONE OF THE CANDIDATE LOCATIONS, THE SSD-SAN BERNARDINO OPERATIONS WOULD NOT MOVE.

THE SECOND ALTERNATIVE WOULD CLOSE AND RELOCATE PORTIONS OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND RELOCATE SSD-SAN BERNARDINO, BUT WOULD NOT RELOCATE THE "OTHER" SPOS.

THE THIRD ALTERNATIVE WOULD CLOSE ONLY THE BMO FACILITIES IN SAN BERNARDINO AND RELOCATE SSD-SAN BERNARDINO TO ONE OF THE FOUR LOCATIONS.

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THE FOURTH ALTERNATIVE CONSIDERS ONLY THE RELOCATION OF 1,000 PERSONNEL FROM SSD WITH NO FACILITY CLOSURE AT EITHER EL SEGUNDO OR SAN BERNARDINO.

THE FIFTH ALTERNATIVE WOULD CLOSE ALL OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND RELOCATE SSD-LOS ANGELES TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, BUT WOULD LEAVE THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION INTACT IN EL SEGUNDO AND SSD-SAN BERNARDINO INTACT AT SAN BERNARDINO.

THE LAST ALTERNATIVE IS NO ACTION. SSD-LOS ANGELES AND SSD-SAN BERNARDINO WOULD REMAIN IN THEIR EXISTING FACILITIES.

THE PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES ONE, TWO, THREE AND FIVE ARE CONTINGENT UPON SPECIAL LEGISLATION BEING ADOPTED PERMITTING THE AIR FORCE TO DISPOSE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AND USE THE SALE PROCEEDS TO OFFSET THE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CLOSURE AND RELOCATION TO THE ALTERNATIVES -- TO ONE OF THE ALTERNATIVES. IN ALL ALTERNATIVES, A CARETAKER WOULD BE EMPLOYED TO SECURE AND MAINTAIN THE PROPERTY.

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 10, SECTION 2687, THE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ACT, REQUIRES THAT DOD STUDY THE LOCAL ECONOMIC, OPERATIONAL, STRATEGIC, FISCAL AND BUDGETARY -- BUDGETARY AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE

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PROPOSED CLOSURE. THESE STUDIES ARE UNDER WAY AND WILL BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS AS A PART OF THE DECISION PACKAGE.

THE LOCAL ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES STUDY WILL EXAMINE THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT EFFECTS ON THE LOCAL ECONOMIES AND WILL BE DISCUSSED MORE COMPLETELY AND IN DETAIL BY LT. COL. BARTOL AFTER MY BRIEFING.

THE STRATEGIC STUDY WILL ADDRESS THE EFFECT OF REDUCING CONVENTIONAL, STRATEGIC SPACE SYSTEMS AS THE THREAT TO NATIONAL SECURITY IS REDUCED.

AN OPERATIONAL STUDY WILL ADDRESS THE EFFECT OF RELOCATING SSD, INCLUDING SMO, IF THE DECISION IS MADE TO CLOSE LOS ANGELES AND THE SMO FACILITIES AT NORTON. IT WILL EXAMINE ALL TENANT AND JOINT SERVICE MISSION CHANGES RESULTING FROM A CLOSURE AND A RELOCATION DECISION.

THE BUDGETARY STUDY WILL DETERMINE CURRENT-YEAR PROGRAMMED DOLLAR COSTS AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RELOCATION OF SSD AND THE INACTIVATION OR RELOCATION OF ASSOCIATED OPERATIONAL AND SUPPORT UNITS.

THE FISCAL STUDY WILL USE THE BUDGET EVALUATION TO ANALYZE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE COSTS AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RELOCATION

OF SSD. COSTS OF CLOSING AND SAVINGS WILL BE DETAILED THROUGH THE LIFE CYCLE COST MODEL.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION, AND I WOULD NOW LIKE TO TURN THE MEETING BACK TO COL. THOMPSON.

COL. THOMPSON: NOW I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT LT. COL. TOM BARTOL FROM THE AIR FORCE REGIONAL CIVIL ENGINEER OFFICE AT NORTON. LT. COL. BARTOL WILL PRESENT AN OVERVIEW OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS PROCESS, DISCUSS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE LOCAL ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES STUDY AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS PROCESS, AND PRESENT THE RESULTS OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

LT. COL. BARTOL: THANK YOU. OUR ORGANIZATION IS CONDUCTING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS FOR THIS PROPOSAL, AS WELL AS OTHER PROPOSED CLOSURES AND REALIGNMENTS ANNOUNCED BY THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR.

TONIGHT I AM GOING TO PRESENT A SCHEDULE FOR THE PROCESS AND SHOW HOW THIS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FITS INTO THE SCHEDULE. I WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE SCOPE OF THE STUDY AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND THE LOCAL ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES STUDY. AND, LAST, I WILL PRESENT THE RESULTS OF

OUR ANALYSIS BY RESOURCE CATEGORY AND CONCLUDE WITH A SUMMARY OF THE POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS.

THIS EFFORT WAS INITIATED ON FEBRUARY 9TH OF THIS YEAR WITH PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER OF TWO NOTICES OF INTENT TO PREPARE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS. THE NOTICES INDICATED THAT LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE WOULD BE STUDIED FOR CLOSURE AND THAT THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AND APPROPRIATE SUPPORTING UNITS WOULD BE STUDIED FOR RELOCATION. SUBSEQUENT TO THAT ANNOUNCEMENT, THE BALLISTICS SYSTEMS DIVISION WAS REALIGNED UNDER SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. THIS FUNCTIONAL CHANGE IN COMMAND WAS MADE ON MAY 5TH OF THIS YEAR, AND BALLISTICS SYSTEMS DIVISION, OR BSD, WAS RENAMED THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION. CONSEQUENTLY, THE AIR FORCE HAS PROPOSED TO RELOCATE THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION AND CLOSE THE SMO FACILITIES AT NORTON AS PART OF THE RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. OUR DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ANALYZES BOTH THE CLOSURE AND THE RELOCATION ACTIONS. FOLLOWING THE NOTICES OF INTENT, SCOPING MEETINGS WERE HELD TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT ON THE SCOPE OF ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

AND TO IDENTIFY THE SIGNIFICANT ISSUES RELATED TO THE ACTIONS. THE SCOPING MEETING FOR THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION WAS HELD HERE IN SAN BERNARDINO ON MAY 24TH.

SUBSEQUENT TO SCOPING THE ISSUES FOR STUDY, WE COLLECTED THE DATA AND CONDUCTED THE ANALYSIS WHICH SUPPORTS THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ON AUGUST 3RD. IN ADDITION TO TONIGHT'S PUBLIC HEARING, PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THAT DRAFT STATEMENT WILL ALSO BE HELD IN THE OTHER COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OR RELOCATION.

AGAIN, WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WILL CONTINUE TO BE ACCEPTED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 24TH. AFTER THE COMMENT PERIOD IS OVER, WE WILL EVALUATE ALL THE COMMENTS, BOTH THE WRITTEN AND ORAL, AND PERFORM ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS OR CHANGE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WHERE NECESSARY. AGAIN, AS IN THE SCOPING PROCESS, EQUAL CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO WRITTEN OR ORAL COMMENTS. AND, AGAIN, I WANT TO REITERATE, THE CLOSURE OF THE COMMENT PERIOD IS SEPTEMBER 24TH.

ONCE THIS PROCESS IS COMPLETE, WE WILL PRODUCE A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN EARLY DECEMBER. THE FINAL STATEMENT WILL BE MAILED TO ALL OF THOSE ON THE ORIGINAL DRAFT DISTRIBUTION LIST. THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WILL INCLUDE COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD AND OUR RESPONSES TO THOSE COMMENTS. IF APPROPRIATE, WE WILL GROUP COMMENTS INTO CATEGORIES AND RESPOND ACCORDINGLY.

THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WILL SERVE AS INPUT FOR THE RECORD OF DECISION, WHICH WILL DOCUMENT THE DECISION BY THE AIR FORCE. OTHER STUDIES, AS DESCRIBED EARLIER BY COL. BOGY, AND CONSIDERATION OF OTHER ISSUES BESIDES THOSE ADDRESSED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WILL ENTER INTO THE FINAL DECISION OF WHETHER OR NOT TO PROCEED WITH THIS PROPOSAL. WE EXPECT TO ACCOMPLISH THE RECORD OF DECISION IN JANUARY OF 1991.

THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WAS PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT AND THE COUNCIL OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REGULATIONS. EFFORTS WERE MADE TO REDUCE NEEDLESS BULK, WRITE IN PLAIN LANGUAGE, FOCUS ON ONLY THOSE ISSUES WHICH ARE CLEARLY RELATED TO THE ENVIRONMENT, AND TO INTEGRATE WITH OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRED AS PART OF

THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. THE DOCUMENT FOCUSES ON IMPACTS TO THE NATURAL AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT WHICH MAY OCCUR AS A DIRECT RESULT OF BASE CLOSURE OR RELOCATION ACTIONS. IMPACTS WHICH OCCUR INDIRECTLY THROUGH CHANGES IN THE COMMUNITY, OR IN THE HANDLING OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND HAZARDOUS WASTE. THE DOCUMENT ALSO EVALUATES GEOLOGY AND SOILS, WATER -- BOTH SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER -- AIR QUALITY, NOISE, BIOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES.

INDIRECT CHANGES TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES THAT PROVIDED MEASURES AGAINST WHICH ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS COULD BE ANALYZED INCLUDED CHANGES TO POPULATION, LAND USE AND AESTHETICS, TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY UTILITY SERVICES. IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING ISSUES RELATED TO CURRENT AND FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND HAZARDOUS WASTE ARE DISCUSSED IN THE DOCUMENT: HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT; HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT; THE INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM; ASBESTOS; POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS, OR PCB'S; AND RADON. IF, AS A RESULT OF OUR ANALYSIS, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS WOULD OCCUR BECAUSE OF THE CLOSURE OR RELOCATION ACTION, POTENTIAL MITIGATION MEASURES WERE IDENTIFIED AND ARE INCLUDED IN THE DOCUMENT.

AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, THIS DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOCUSES ON THE IMPACTS TO THE NATURAL AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT BROUGHT ABOUT, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, BY THE POTENTIAL CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION, INCLUDING THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION.

THE DOCUMENT ADDRESSES SOCIOECONOMIC IMPACTS OF BASE CLOSURE OR RELOCATION ONLY IF THEY RESULT IN IMPACTS TO THE NATURAL AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT. EARLIER, COL. BOGY DESCRIBED THE OTHER RELATED STUDIES BEING CONDUCTED AS PART OF THE BASE CLOSURE STUDY PROCESS. AMONG THEM IS A LOCAL ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES STUDY WHICH DESCRIBES IN GREATER DETAIL HOW BASE CLOSURE MAY AFFECT THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. SPECIFICALLY, THE STUDY ADDRESSES THE FOLLOWING: DIRECT PAYROLL LOSS TO THE IMMEDIATE COMMUNITY AND THE SECONDARY PAYROLL IMPACT ON LOCAL BUSINESSES CAUSED BY THE LOSS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL, DEPENDENTS AND A CIVILIAN WORK FORCE; THE EFFECTS ON THE LOCAL REAL ESTATE MARKET AND SCHOOLS FROM A LOSS OF PERSONNEL; LOCAL PROJECTED GROWTH IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE POTENTIAL FOR REUSE, BOTH INTERIM AND LONG-TERM; AND, IF DATA ARE AVAILABLE, LOSSES TO OTHER LOCAL INDUSTRIES THAT DEPEND ON THE BASE. OUR

ORGANIZATION IS NOT PREPARING THAT STUDY. I DO KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT A DRAFT OF THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND COPIES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, KEY STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS, AND STATE SINGLE POINTS OF CONTACT FOR THEIR REVIEW AND CONSULTATION.

THREE WEEKS AGO, THE AIR FORCE MET WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS IN THE SAN BERNARDINO AREA TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THAT DRAFT STUDY AND TO GATHER ADDITIONAL DATA. THE STUDY WILL BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS IN JANUARY OF NEXT YEAR, IN TIME TO MEET THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR '92 BUDGET SUBMITTAL.

I WOULD NOW LIKE TO DISCUSS THE RESULTS REPORTED IN THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. IN GENERAL, LET ME SUMMARIZE BY STATING THAT THE EFFECTS TO THE NATURAL AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATED WITH CLOSING AIR FORCE INSTALLATIONS AND FACILITIES ARE GENERALLY POSITIVE.

FULL CLOSURE UNDER THE PROPOSED ACTION WOULD CAUSE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN THE SUPPORT COMMUNITIES SURROUNDING NORTON AIR FORCE BASE, THE HOST BASE FOR BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION:

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE RELOCATION OF THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION AND CLOSURE OF ITS FACILITIES AT NORTON BY THE END OF 1996 WOULD

RESULT IN A REDUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY $210 MILLION IN TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME ANNUALLY. THESE CHANGES ARE EXPECTED TO RESULT IN THE LOSS OF A TOTAL OF 8,700 DIRECT AND INDIRECT JOBS. TOTAL EXPECTED POPULATION OUTMIGRATION IS EXPECTED TO BE 11,300. IF MARCH AIR FORCE BASE WERE SELECTED AS A RELOCATION BASE, PRACTICALLY NO JOB LOSS OR POPULATION OUTMIGRATION IS EXPECTED.

IN LAND USE, THE LOCAL LAND USE PATTERNS AND ZONING POLICIES WOULD NOT CHANGE DUE TO THE CLOSURE ACTION. LAND USES ON THE BASE WOULD EXPERIENCE SOME CHANGE IN THAT A CARETAKER FORCE WOULD BE CHARGED WITH MAINTAINING THE FACILITIES AND RESTRICTING ACCESS TO THE AREA. CHANGES COULD OCCUR IN THE FUTURE IN THE CONTEXT OF REUSE AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS IF THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION IS RELOCATED.

FOR TRANSPORTATION, VEHICLE TRAFFIC IN THE VICINITY OF THE BMO FACILITIES WOULD DECREASE, PARTICULARLY DURING PEAK TRAFFIC HOURS. HOWEVER, WHILE DECREASING CONGESTION IN THE AREA SOMEWHAT, THESE DECREASES WOULD NOT NOTICEABLY IMPROVE THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC ON THE AREA STREETS. THE REDUCTION IN TRAFFIC WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO A SLIGHT REDUCTION IN NOISE LEVELS AND AIR POLLUTION EMISSIONS ON AND NEAR THE BASE.

FOR UTILITIES, THE CLOSURE OF BMO FACILITIES WOULD DECREASE LOCAL DEMAND FOR POTABLE WATER, WASTEWATER TREATMENT, NATURAL GAS, ELECTRICITY, AND SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL. HOWEVER, UTILITY DEMAND ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION AND ITS EMPLOYEES REPRESENTS A VERY SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL UTILITY DEMAND IN THE REGION.

IN THE AREA OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND HAZARDOUS WASTE, THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT MADE TWO GENERAL FINDINGS. THE FIRST FINDING DEALS WITH THE INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM, OR "IRP," WHICH IS THE AIR FORCE'S PROGRAM TO IDENTIFY AND REMEDIATE PREVIOUSLY CONTAMINATED HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES. THE INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM AT NORTON IS INDEPENDENT OF BOTH THE PLANNED CLOSURE OF NORTON AIR FORCE BASE AND THE PROPOSED RELOCATION OF THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION. THE INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE UNAFFECTED IN EITHER CASE. NO SITES, NO INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM SITES, EXIST WITHIN THE BUILDING 950 COMPLEX WHICH WOULD BE CLOSED IN A RELOCATION OF THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION. SECOND, ONLY A SMALL AMOUNT OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ARE USED OR HAZARDOUS WASTE GENERATED IN DIRECT

SUPPORT OF THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION OTHER THAN THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH TYPICAL FACILITY MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES. ALSO, THERE ARE NO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS LOCATED WITHIN THE BMO FACILITY.

LET ME RESTATE THAT THE INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM IS SEPARATE FROM THE BASE CLOSURE ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS. THE AIR FORCE IS COMMITTED TO CLEANING UP HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES RESULTING FROM PAST PRACTICES.

THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOUND IMPACT TO THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AS FOLLOWS:

IN GEOLOGY AND SOILS, WE EXPECT NO IMPACT ON GEOLOGICAL RESOURCES UNDERLYING THE BASE AND REDUCED POTENTIAL FOR SOIL CONTAMINATION FROM SPILLS OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.

FOR WATER RESOURCES, NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS ARE EXPECTED ON GROUND OR SURFACE WATERS DUE TO THE PROPOSED RELOCATION OF BMO.

IN AIR QUALITY, THE RELOCATION OF BMO WOULD RESULT IN A SLIGHT REDUCTION IN AIR POLLUTANT EMISSIONS IN THE AREA. HOWEVER, THE STATIONARY AND MOBILE SOURCE EMISSIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OPERATIONS OF BMO AND ITS EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTE LESS THAN ONE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL

EMISSIONS IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. CONSEQUENTLY, THOUGH BENEFICIAL, THE IMPROVEMENT IN AIR QUALITY WOULD NOT BE NOTICEABLE.

FOR NOISE, WE ANTICIPATE A SLIGHT REDUCTION IN TRAFFIC NOISE.

AND FOR BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES, THERE WOULD BE NO ADVERSE IMPACTS TO BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES AS A RESULT OF THE PROPOSED CLOSURE, AND NO IMPACTS TO CULTURAL RESOURCES.

IN CLOSING, LET ME REMIND YOU THAT THIS STUDY IS IN A DRAFT STAGE. OUR GOAL IS TO PRODUCE -- IS TO PROVIDE AIR FORCE DECISION MAKERS WITH ACCURATE INFORMATION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES OF THIS PROPOSAL. TO DO THIS, TONIGHT WE ARE SOLICITING YOUR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. THIS INFORMATION, COUPLED WITH THE OTHER STUDIES DISCUSSED BY COL. BOGY, WILL SUPPORT INFORMED AIR FORCE DECISION MAKING.

COL. THOMPSON: I'D NOW INVITE COMMENTS FROM YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS. FIRST TO BE RECOGNIZED IS REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE BROWN.

REP. BROWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COL. THOMPSON, AND THE OTHER DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THIS HEARING TEAM. I APPRECIATE THE HARD WORK THAT YOU ARE PUTTING INTO THIS PROCESS, AND I KNOW

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THAT IT WILL RESULT IN THE BEST INFORMED POSSIBLE DECISION ON THE PART OF THE AIR FORCE.

I AM SPEAKING TO YOU NOT ONLY IN MY CAPACITY AS AN ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIAL, BUT AS A PART OF A TEAM OF LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND OTHER LEADING CITIZENS OF THE AREA WHO HAVE FORMED WHAT WE CALL THE INLAND EMPIRE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION RELOCATION GROUP. VERY IMPRESSIVE TITLE, BUT ITS INTENT IS OBVIOUS, AND THAT IS TO MAKE THE MOST FORCEFUL POSSIBLE PRESENTATION FOR THE PARTICULAR CAUSE THAT WE ESPOUSE.

AND IF YOU WILL ALLOW ME, I WILL GO THROUGH A BRIEF WRITTEN STATEMENT WHICH BASICALLY REVIEWS THE BACKGROUND AND THEN ADDRESSES SOME OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS, AND OTHER OF THE OFFICIALS SPEAKING HERE TONIGHT WILL FILL THIS IN AND ELABORATE ON IT.

AS HAS ALREADY BEEN STATED, IN MAY OF THIS YEAR, THE AIR FORCE REORGANIZED ITS SYSTEMS AND SPACE OPERATIONS, MAKING THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION HERE IN SAN BERNARDINO A SUBSIDIARY OF SSD. AND WITH THAT REORGANIZATION, THE AIR FORCE INCLUDED BMO IN ITS RELOCATION STUDIES.

WHILE I BELIEVE IT'S APPROPRIATE FOR THE AIR FORCE TO STUDY SSD FOR POSSIBLE RELOCATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES SITE, I ALSO FIRMLY BELIEVE

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THAT THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION SHOULD REMAIN RIGHT HERE WHERE IT IS IN BEAUTIFUL SAN BERNARDINO.

THE 1988 COMMISSION ON BASE REALIGNMENTS AND CLOSURES STATED ALTHOUGH NORTON AIR FORCE BASE SHOULD CLOSE, BMO SHOULD STAY AT ITS PRESENT SITE ADJACENT TO NORTON.

ON PAGES 77 AND 78 OF THE REPORT, THE COMMISSION STATED THAT -- AND I QUOTE -- "BECAUSE OF THE HIGH COST OF RELOCATION AND THE FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENT OF THE BALLISTIC MISSILE OFFICE TO REMAIN IN THE LOCAL AREA, THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS IT REMAIN AT NORTON AIR FORCE BASE."

IT IS MY OPINION THAT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE THE WEIGHT OF LAW AS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT REAGAN IN PUBLIC LAW 100-526. I RECOGNIZE THAT THE AIR FORCE'S LEGAL COUNSEL HAS A DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW, AND I APPRECIATE THE ANALYSIS THAT THEY MADE ON THIS.

BUT, AS I SAID, I BELIEVE THAT ANY MOVE OF BMO FROM NORTON DURING THE LEGAL LIFE OF THE BASE CLOSURE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD VIOLATE THE ACT. THE TWO MAJOR COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITH DIRECT JURISDICTION OVER DEFENSE MATTERS APPARENTLY AGREE WITH ME. I HAVE WORKED WITH BOTH THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES

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COMMITTEE AND THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE THIS YEAR TO HAVE LANGUAGE INCLUDED INTO THE FY-1991 BOTH AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION BILLS WHICH WOULD MANDATE THAT BMO REMAIN IN SAN BERNARDINO.

IN ADDITION TO THE LEGAL REASONS, THERE ARE ALSO ECONOMIC AND OPERATIONAL REASONS WHY THE AIR FORCE SHOULD LEAVE BMO WHERE IT IS. THIS IS, OF COURSE, A LITTLE BIT OF BOOSTERISM, BUT WE THINK THAT SAN BERNARDINO PROVIDES A LOCATION THAT IS BOTH WITHIN THE SCIENTIFIC, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL HEARTLAND OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND WITHIN A PART OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WHERE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IS HIGH BUT THE HOUSING COSTS AND OTHER COSTS ARE MORE AFFORDABLE THAN MOST OTHER AREAS. IT'S ALSO AN AREA THAT HAS A LONG TRADITION OF HOUSING AIR FORCE FACILITIES AND PROVIDING HOSPITALITY AND SUPPORT TO THOSE FACILITIES AND THEIR PERSONNEL.

AS AN INDICATION OF THE DEPTH OF SUPPORT IN THE ENTIRE INLAND EMPIRE FOR AIR FORCE FACILITIES, LET ME POINT OUT THAT 390 COMMUNITY LEADERS FROM THIS AREA RECENTLY SIGNED A LETTER TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CALLING UPON THE AIR FORCE TO KEEP BMO HERE AND TO GIVE STRONG CONSIDERATION TO BRINGING SBD TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, WHICH, AS I NOTED, IS ONE OF YOUR

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ALTERNATIVES. NUMBER FIVE, ACTUALLY.

I WANT NOW TO TURN TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ITSELF AND OFFER A FEW COMMENTS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOU CONSIDER IN MAKING THE FINAL REVISIONS OF THE DOCUMENTS. AND I WILL SUBMIT A WRITTEN STATEMENT AMPLIFYING ON THIS.

FIRST, I NOTE THAT THE EIS'S ESTIMATE OF THE ECONOMIC LOSS TO THE INLAND EMPIRE FOR ANY MOVE OF BMO IS SIGNIFICANT LOWER THAN THE ESTIMATES RECENTLY MADE IN ANOTHER DRAFT REPORT ON BMO CONDUCTED FOR THE AIR FORCE BY A CONSULTANT. THAT REPORT, THE LOCAL ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES STUDY, ESTIMATED THAT IF BMO MOVES AWAY FROM THE INLAND EMPIRE, OUR REGION WOULD LOSE $544 MILLION IN INCOME. THE EIS ESTIMATED A LOSS OF ONLY $210 MILLION IN REGIONAL INCOME.

AND I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOU -- AND I'M SURE YOU WILL -- TRY TO RECONCILE THESE AND COME UP WITH THE BEST POSSIBLE ESTIMATE OF THE ECONOMIC LOSS THAT YOU CAN ACHIEVE.

SECONDLY, I NOTE THAT ON PAGE 4.2-7 OF THE EIS, IT IS STATED THAT ANOTHER EIS WILL CONSIDER THE CUMULATIVE ECONOMIC EFFECTS THAT THE CLOSINGS OF BOTH NORTON AND GEORGE AIR FORCE BASE WOULD HAVE ON THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF ANY MOVEMENT OF BMO FROM SAN BERNARDINO. I REQUEST THAT THIS

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CUMULATIVE ECONOMIC EFFECT BE INCLUDED IN YOUR FINAL EIS SO THAT THE FULL IMPACT OF ANY MOVE OF BMO CAN BE MOST ACCURATELY *JUDGED*.

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I ALSO REQUEST THAT THE CUMULATIVE ECONOMIC EFFECTS BE ASSESSED AS PRECISELY AS POSSIBLE AND NOT MERELY *THROUGH THE USE OF* ANECDOTAL EVIDENCE.

FINALLY, I SEE THAT THE EIS CONCLUDES THAT A RELOCATION *OF SSD TO MARCH WOULD CONFORM* TO THE GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, THAT ORGANIZATIONS LOCATE OUTSIDE *THE CENTER OF LOS ANGELES* WHENEVER POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO REDUCE LONG COMMUTES, TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND RESULTING HIGHER AIR POLLUTION. HOWEVER, NOTABLY ABSENT *FROM THE EIS SECTION ON*

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BMO WAS ANY REFERENCE TO THE POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL ROLE THAT BMO PLAYS IN CONFORMING TO THIS AIR QUALITY *MANAGEMENT DISTRICT* RECOMMENDATION AND THE ROLE BMO PLAYS IN CORRECTING THE JOBS-HOUSING IMBALANCE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. *THE MORE THAN 2,500 DIRECT* AND 6,000 INDIRECT JOBS ASSOCIATED WITH BMO REPRESENT THOUSANDS OF CONVENIENT, SHORT DAILY COMMUTES FOR AREA RESIDENTS. *SHORT COMMUTES HELP REDUCE* AIR POLLUTION. THUS, ANY CLOSURE OF BMO WOULD INSTEAD OF REDUCING AIR POLLUTION IN THE INLAND

EMPIRE, LIKELY INCREASE THAT POLLUTION AS BMC'S FORMER EMPLOYEES COMMUTE MUCH LONGER DISTANCES TO NEW JOBS OUTSIDE OF OUR IMMEDIATE REGION.

LONGER COMMUTES ALSO HAVE OTHER SOCIAL COSTS, SUCH AS CREATING A NEED *FOR EXPENSIVE* TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE. THERE ARE ALSO QUALITY-OF-LIFE COSTS THAT CAN RESULT *FROM* PARENTS *SPENDING MORE TIME ON* THE ROAD AND LESS TIME AT HOME WITH THEIR CHILDREN AND SPOUSES.

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AND I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT *THE* FINAL EIS INCLUDE A FULL ASSESSMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COSTS THAT WOULD RESULT IF THESE 2,500 EMPLOYEES LOSE THEIR LOCAL JOBS *AND* HAVE TO START COMMUTING TO WORK OUTSIDE THE INLAND EMPIRE.

AND IN CONCLUSION, I BELIEVE THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 1988 COMMISSION ON BASE REALIGNMENTS AND CLOSURES WHICH WERE ACCEPTED BY THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE *AND CONGRESS* MAKE IT CLEAR THAT BMO SHOULD STAY HERE AT NORTON.

I ALSO BELIEVE THAT ECONOMIC FAIRNESS DICTATES THAT BMO SHOULD STAY AT *NORTON, GIVEN THE* EXPECTED IMPACT OF BASE CLOSINGS AND REALIGNMENTS WHICH THE INLAND EMPIRE IS ALREADY SCHEDULED TO EXPERIENCE.

AND LAST, AND PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANTLY, THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT BENEFITS TO THE AIR FORCE IN KEEPING BMO AT NORTON AND MOVING SSD TO NEARBY *MARCH* AIR FORCE BASE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, GENTLEMEN.

COL. THOMPSON: NEXT IS MR. JOHN LEYMAN, WHO IS REPRESENTING LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LEO MC CARTHY.

MR. LEYMAN: GOOD EVENING, GENTLEMEN. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU THIS EVENING.

THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S ORIGINAL STATEMENT WAS MADE AT THE SCOPING MEETING IN MAY IN SAN BERNARDINO OF THIS YEAR, AND TONIGHT I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE THE SHORT STATEMENT AND THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S STRONG BELIEFS ON THIS ISSUE.

IT'S DIRECTED TO LT. COL. BARTOL. IT SAYS, "I AM VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AND THE BALLISTIC MISSILES ORGANIZATION REMAINING AS AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTOR TO THE

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CALIFORNIA ECONOMY. IF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PROCESS INDICATES, WE WOULD FULLY SUPPORT AND PLEDGE THE STATE'S ASSISTANCE IN BACKING THE MARCH AIR FORCE BASE ALTERNATIVE." AND THAT'S, "SINCERELY, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LEO

MC CARTHY."

THANK YOU.

COL. THOMPSON: NEXT IS MR. STEVE PONTELL, REPRESENTING STATE SENATOR BILL LEONARD.

MR. PONTELL: I WOULD REQUEST THE *OPPORTUNITY* TO SPEAK TWICE, SINCE I'LL READ SENATOR LEONARD'S LETTER BRIEFLY INTO THE RECORD AND THEN SIT DOWN AND LET THE OTHER ELECTED *OFFICIALS* GO. AND THEN WHEN THE INLAND EMPIRE ECONOMIC COUNCIL MIGHT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, YOU CAN CALL ME AGAIN.

FROM STATE SENATOR BILL LEONARD, DIRECTED TO LT. COL. TOM BARTOL: "DEAR LT. COL. BARTOL, I AM WRITING TO OFFER MY WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT FOR *KEEPING* THE BALLISTIC MISSILE OPERATION AT ITS PRESENT LOCATION WHILE RELOCATING THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE. THE *LOSS OF* NORTON AIR FORCE BASE WILL HAVE SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON OUR AREA. THE LOSS OF THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION WOULD MAKE *THIS IMPACT* EVEN HARSHER. BY KEEPING THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION AT NORTON AND MOVING THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION TO MARCH, THE *INLAND EMPIRE* WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MINIMIZE THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF NORTON'S CLOSING. PLEASE GIVE THESE MATTERS YOUR MOST

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SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AS THEY ARE OF VITAL CONCERN TO THE INLAND EMPIRE AND ITS RESIDENTS."

IN ADDITION TO THAT, YOU WILL BE RECEIVING LETTERS FROM STATE ASSEMBLYMAN CHUCK BATER, STATE ASSEMBLYMAN JERRY EVES, AND STATE ASSEMBLYMAN PAUL WOODRUFF. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COL. THOMPSON: NEXT IS MR. TOM MULLEN, REPRESENTING STATE SENATOR ROBERT PRESLEY.

MR. MULLEN: THANK YOU, COLONEL. AND ON BEHALF OF SENATOR PRESLEY, I MERELY WANTED TO REITERATE WHAT CONGRESSMAN BROWN, MR. PONTELL FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR MC CARTHY HAS ALREADY STATED. AND YOU HAVE HAD READ INTO YOUR MINUTES A LETTER IN YOUR SCOPING MEETING LAST MAY FROM SENATOR PRESLEY.

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WE WOULD ONLY REITERATE THE POSITION, QUITE FRANKLY, THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE HAS SET FORTH IN RESOLUTION WHICH WAS FORWARDED TO CONGRESS AS WELL AS TO THE AIR FORCE CONCERNING THIS MATTER, AND THE GOVERNOR. THE POSITION BEING, IN FACT, THAT WE KEEP THE SMO AT NORTON, WE MOVE SSD TO MARCH. THANK YOU.

COL. THOMPSON: NEXT IS SUPERVISOR BOB HAMMOCK.

SUPERVISOR HAMMOCK: GOOD EVENING,

COLONEL, AND MEMBERS OF THE PANEL. MY NAME IS BOB HAMMOCK. MY ADDRESS IS -- I INDICATE THAT, BECAUSE I WANT YOU TO KNOW I AM PAYING ATTENTION TO YOUR DIRECTION -- 385 NORTH ARROWHEAD AVENUE, SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA. I AM A COUNTY SUPERVISOR REPRESENTING THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, AND I AM COCHAIRMAN OF THE INLAND VALLEY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY COMPRISED OF THE CITIES OF SAN BERNARDINO, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, COLTON AND -- CITIES OF COLTON AND LOMA LINDA, AND DEDICATED TO THE CONVERSION OF NORTON AIR FORCE BASE TO PRIVATE SECTOR, ECONOMIC ACTIVITY FEATURING REAL ECONOMIC VITALITY.

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT BRIEFLY, AND I WILL PROVIDE, LATER, WRITTEN COPIES OF MY SHORT BRIEF TESTIMONY. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY, THOUGH, TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON THE RELOCATION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION.

AS A COUNTY SUPERVISOR REPRESENTING THIS COUNTY, I AM PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF ANY RELOCATION OF THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION NOW LOCATED AT NORTON. THE DRAFT EIS CONCLUDES THAT 2,530 DIRECT JOBS AND OVER 6,000 INDIRECT JOBS WILL BE LOST TO

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THIS COMMUNITY IF THE RELOCATION OCCURS. THIS LOSS OF 8,700 JOBS IS PROJECTED TO RESULT, AS YOU HAVE INDICATED, IN SEVERE ECONOMIC IMPACT. IT WILL INCLUDE THE LOSS OF AT LEAST $210 MILLION IN PERSONAL INCOME AND A TOTAL PROJECTED OUTMIGRATION OF 11,300 PEOPLE, SEVERELY AFFECTING THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK OF THIS REGION.

THE BOTTOM LINE, CLEARLY, IS THE ENORMOUS ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE CLOSURE OF MILITARY FACILITIES IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. DECISIONS TO CLOSE NORTON AND GEORGE AIR FORCE BASES HAVE ALREADY ENDANGERED THE ECONOMIC HEALTH OF THIS AREA. THE ADDED BURDEN OF CLOSING SMO AND PROPOSING TO RELOCATE IT OUTSIDE THIS REGION IS -- CAN BE DESCRIBED IN ONLY ONE WORD: DEVASTATING.

SAN BERNARDINO NEEDS SMO. IT IS A VITAL PART OF ITS ECONOMY. IF, THOUGH, IT MUST BE RELOCATED, IT SHOULD BE MOVED TO THE NEIGHBORING NEIGHBORHOOD OF MARCH AIR FORCE BASE WHERE THE IMPACT, AS NOTED IN THE EIS, WOULD BE NEUTRAL, WITH NO REDUCTION IN EMPLOYMENT, INCOME OR POPULATION IN THIS TWO-COUNTY AREA.

WHILE THERE WOULD STILL BE LOCALIZED ECONOMIC IMPACTS IN THE IMMEDIATE SAN BERNARDINO CITY AREA, OUR OVERALL ECONOMY COULD AT LEAST BE SPARED ANOTHER MAJOR SETBACK.

WE IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY HAVE TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO ADDRESS THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THE CLOSURE OF NORTON AIR FORCE BASE: THE INLAND VALLEY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO CONVERT THE BASE TO PRIVATE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY. WE ASK FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S HELP IN THIS EFFORT BY KEEPING SMO WITHIN THE INLAND EMPIRE, THEREBY CONTRIBUTING TO OUR COMMUNITY'S ECONOMIC HEALTH.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY.

COL. THOMPSON: NEXT IS MR. DAVID MC ELROY, REPRESENTING SUPERVISOR NORTON YOUNGLOVE OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY.

MR. MC ELROY: THANK YOU, COL. THOMPSON. DAVID MC ELROY, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR RIVERSIDE COUNTY, 3499 TENTH STREET, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA 92501.

I AM HERE THIS EVENING REPRESENTING SUPERVISOR NORTON YOUNGLOVE. HE IS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY. I AM OVER HERE THIS EVENING TO BASICALLY EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT TO MAINTAIN THE SMO AT NORTON AIR FORCE BASE.

THE COUNTY IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE LOSS OF

8,700 JOBS IN THE INLAND EMPIRE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ELSEWHERE IN YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WHEN YOU DESCRIBED THE COMMUNITY SET-IN, YOU TALK ABOUT OUR EXPANDING LABOR FORCE AND OUR EXPANDING JOBS IN THE TWO-COUNTY AREA. HOWEVER, YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THAT WE NEED TO RETAIN JOBS IN THIS GROWING AREA AND, FURTHER, THIS TYPE OF JOB, THIS HIGH-TECH JOB, IS SOMETHING THAT WE NEED IN OUR ECONOMY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE A DIVERSE AND HEALTHY ECONOMY.

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THANK YOU.

COL. THOMPSON: MAYOR LAURIE TULLY OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND.

MAYOR TULLY: I'D LIKE TO THANK THE PANEL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TONIGHT. MY NAME IS LAURIE TULLY. I AM THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND. I CURRENTLY DON'T KNOW WHAT OUR ADDRESS IS. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF MOVING TO AN OLD MORTUARY, SO -- WE ARE SOMEWHERE ON BASE LINE.

AND 92346 IS THE ZIP CODE.

HIGHLAND IS LOCATED DIRECTLY ADJACENT TO NORTON AIR FORCE BASE AND SURROUNDS THE NORTHEAST AREA OF THE BASE WITH MUCH QUALITY HOUSING THAT'S UTILIZED BY OUR MANY BASE EMPLOYEES AND CIVILIANS THAT WORK ON BASE.

I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS THAT ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR CITY IN ITS OPERATIONS, AND I'D LIKE TO READ A LETTER ADDRESSED TO LT. BARTOL WITH COPIES THAT I WILL PROVIDE TO YOU.

"DEAR COL. BARTOL" -- OH, LIEUTENANT COLONEL. THEY'VE MESSED YOU UP. SORRY -- "ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND, WE WISH TO URGE SUPPORT FOR KEEPING THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION AT NORTON AIR FORCE BASE. OUR CITY REPRESENTS A LARGE NUMBER OF AIR FORCE AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES WHO WORK IN BMO. THE ECONOMIC IMPACT UPON SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES BY THE LOSS OF BMO AND THE $210 MILLION PAYROLL AND OTHER DOLLARS WILL BE CONSIDERABLE. WE CAN ILL AFFORD TO LOSE SOME 8,700 DIRECT AND INDIRECT JOBS IN ADDITION TO THE LOSS OF THE EMPLOYEES. 15.5

"FURTHER, THE CITY OF HIGHLAND IS ALREADY ANTICIPATING THE LOSS THAT WILL BE FELT WHEN NORTON AIR FORCE BASE CLOSES AND MANY OF OUR

RESIDENTS THAT WILL BE LEAVING THE AREA.

"THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT STATES, 'THE PURPOSE FOR THE BMO RELOCATION IS FOR BETTER SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION MANAGEMENT.' THE CLOSE PROXIMITY OF BMO TO SSD NOW, AND ESPECIALLY IF SSD RELOCATES TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, WOULD MORE THAN MEET THE NEEDS AND WOULD RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT COST SAVINGS TO THE AIR FORCE.

"THE CITY OF HIGHLAND HAS BEEN A GOOD NEIGHBOR, A STRONG SUPPORTER OF NORTON AIR FORCE BASE FOR YEARS. THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT HAS PROVIDED A HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE FOR AIR FORCE PERSONNEL IN TERMS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, LOWER COST OF LIVING, AND OVERALL ACCEPTANCE TO THE COMMUNITY.

"WE URGE YOUR FAVORABLE SUPPORT FOR RETAINING THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION AT NORTON AIR FORCE BASE. YOURS TRULY, LAURIE TULLY, MAYOR."

NOT ONLY IS THE CITY CONCERNED FOR OURSELVES, BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO JUST SAY WE ARE BEING SELFISH IN OUR ECONOMIC INTERESTS. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED ON THE IMPACT AND INTERRUPTIONS TO THE CITY -- CITIZENS OF OUR CITY WHO HAVE ESTABLISHED ROOTS AND BECOME ACTIVE IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE IN HIGHLAND HAVE A LARGE AMOUNT OF

RESIDENTS INVOLVED IN OUR PROGRAMS AND WE WOULD SUFFER TERRIBLY FROM THE LOSS OF THESE GOOD CITIZENS. YOUR FOLKS ARE GOOD CITIZENS, AND WE APPRECIATE THEIR SUPPORT IN OUR CITY.

ON THE ECONOMIC END OF THE IMPACT, THE HIGHLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT HAS ALSO ASKED ME TO EXPRESS THEIR CONCERNS FOR THE DRAMATIC IMPACT THAT WILL BE EXPERIENCED BY THE LOCAL BUSINESSES. THE CHAMBER URGES THAT YOU CONSIDER RETAINING THE BMO AT NORTON AIR FORCE BASE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

COL. THOMPSON: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IN JUST A MOMENT I AM GOING TO TAKE A BRIEF RECESS. WHEN WE DO RECONVENE, I WILL BEGIN THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

LET ME REMIND YOU, AS I TOLD YOU IN THE BEGINNING, THAT I AM GOING TO RECOGNIZE YOU BASED ON THE CARDS THAT YOU HAVE TURNED IN INDICATING THAT YOU DESIRE TO MAKE A STATEMENT. SO IF THERE'S ANYONE WHO HAS NOT TURNED IN A CARD WHO DOES DESIRE TO MAKE A STATEMENT, YOU MAY DO THAT DURING THE RECESS, AND IT WILL BE BROUGHT TO ME SO THAT I CAN RECOGNIZE YOU WHEN WE DO RECONVENE.

WE WILL BE IN RECESS UNTIL 8:15.

(BRIEF RECESS WAS TAKEN.)

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COL. THOMPSON: THE HEARING WILL COME TO ORDER.

WE ARE NOW READY TO MOVE INTO THE MAIN PORTION OF THIS HEARING, WHICH IS THE PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD. I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU OF A COUPLE OF POINTS BEFORE WE DO BEGIN. AS I HAVE INDICATED, THERE ARE SOME GROUND RULES. I WOULD LIKE YOU, AGAIN, TO LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO FIVE MINUTES SO THAT WE CAN HEAR AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE.

FOR OUR BENEFIT AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR RECORD, PLEASE, AGAIN, STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD BEFORE YOU BEGIN TO SPEAK. IF YOU DO HAVE A PREPARED STATEMENT, YOU MAY TURN IT IN, OR READ IT ALOUD, OR DO BOTH. IF YOU DO READ A PREPARED STATEMENT, WE'D ASK THE COURTESY OF HAVING A COPY OF THAT STATEMENT SO WE CAN BE SURE THAT WE REFLECT YOUR REMARKS ACCURATELY IN THE RECORD.

AGAIN, I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT REGARDLESS OF HOW YOU DO MAKE YOUR INPUT TONIGHT, WHETHER IT'S ORALLY OR IN WRITING, IT'S GOING TO RECEIVE EQUAL CONSIDERATION. AND I AM GOING TO SELECT YOU TO SPEAK BASED ON A RANDOM DRAWING OF THE CARDS THAT YOU HAVE SUBMITTED.

FIRST TO BE RECOGNIZED IS HARRY F. SMITH, JR.

MR. SMITH: THANK YOU, SIR. I AM COL. HARRY F. SMITH, JR., U.S. AIR FORCE, RETIRED. MY ADDRESS IS 450 EAST SUNSET DRIVE NORTH IN REDLANDS, CALIFORNIA; LOCAL RESIDENT.

I NOTE WITH INTEREST THAT YOU ALLOWED OUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS TO SPEAK FIRST, AND THAT COURTESY IS UNDERSTOOD. BUT NOW THEY HAVE DEPARTED SO THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HEAR WHAT THEIR CONSTITUENTS HAVE TO SAY, FOR THE MOST PART.

IN ANY EVENT, I HAD THE DISTINCT PRIVILEGE OF HAVING BEEN A WING COMMANDER AT A VERY SMALL INSTALLATION IN SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA WHERE THEIR ECONOMY WAS TOTALLY DEPENDENT UPON THE AIR FORCE BASE'S EXISTENCE. I DON'T THINK THAT IS TRUE TO THIS EXTENT IN THE LOCAL AREA.

AND IN A MORE SPECIFIC WAY, ADDRESSING MYSELF TO COL. BOGY'S BRIEFING, HE TALKED OF STRATEGIC IMPACT, AND THAT GAVE RISE TO MY CONCERN ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT ALL OF THESE PROCEEDINGS TONIGHT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN OVERCOME BY EVENTS OF OUR CURRENT WORLD SITUATION AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH WE MIGHT NOT CONSIDER PUTTING THIS WHOLE PROCEEDING IN ABEYANCE UNTIL WE HAVE MADE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE FUTURE OF NORTON AND ALL OF THE OTHER BASES NATIONWIDE THAT MAY HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO BE CLOSED BY A CONGRESSIONAL ACT.

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THAT HAVING BEEN SAID, I SUPPORT THE POSITION THAT SAYS LET'S KEEP SMC AT NORTON AND MOVE ITS SENIOR ORGANIZATION TO MARCH. BUT LET'S BE SURE THAT WE DON'T GO INTO A PROTRACTED EXERCISE OF THE TYPE THAT WE ARE DOING NOW WITHOUT KNOWING FOR SURE WHERE WE STAND ON AN INTERNATIONAL BASIS.

THANK YOU, SIR.

COL. THOMPSON: THANK YOU. NEXT IS JUDY MAUDSLEY.

MS. MAUDSLEY: MY NAME IS JUDY MAUDSLEY. MY ADDRESS IS 305 EAST STATE STREET, REDLANDS, CALIFORNIA. I AM HERE TONIGHT REPRESENTING THE REDLANDS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU CONCERNING OUR SUPPORT FOR KEEPING BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION AT NORTON AIR FORCE BASE.

AS BOTH THE TREASURER OF THE CHAMBER AND MANAGER OF THE BANK OF AMERICA IN REDLANDS, I AM AWARE OF THE NEED FOR PRACTICING GOOD FINANCIAL POLICY. I UNDERSTAND CONGRESS AND THE AIR FORCE'S NEED TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBLE COST SAVINGS FROM BASE CLOSURES AND REASSIGNMENT.

AT THE SAME TIME, I FEEL IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BUSINESS

COMMUNITY OF REDLANDS TO SAY THAT A DECISION TO RELOCATE SMC WOULD NOT BE A SOUND ECONOMIC DECISION. THE COST OF RELOCATING, NOT ONLY AIR FORCE BASE PERSONNEL BUT ALSO CONTRACT SUPPORT SERVICES, WOULD BE MONUMENTAL.

BUILDING NEW FACILITIES WOULD PROVE TO BE VERY COSTLY FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR. THE LOCAL SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES WILL BE GREATLY AFFECTED IN TERMS OF LOST JOBS AND LOST REVENUE.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT MOVING SMC WILL ELIMINATE 8,700 JOBS IN THE SAN BERNARDINO/RIVERSIDE COUNTIES BY 1995. MANY OF THESE AIR FORCE AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES NOW RESIDE IN REDLANDS. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT A MOVE WILL BE ECONOMICALLY PAINFUL FOR EVERYONE.

RELOCATING SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE AND KEEPING SMC AT NORTON MAKES GOOD ENVIRONMENTAL SENSE. BOTH SIDES ARE LOCATED IN COMMUNITIES THAT OFFER AMPLE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING. BOTH SIDES ARE WITHIN REASONABLE COMMUTING DISTANCE FROM ONE ANOTHER, AND CONGESTED TRAFFIC IS NOT A PROBLEM.

REDLANDS OFFERS A VARIETY OF CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES AND EXPERIENCES. THE KEEN SENSE OF COMMUNITY LIVING

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THAT REDLANDS OFFERS PROVIDES A SENSE OF BELONGING TO ALL ITS CITIZENS, INCLUDING THE VAST NUMBER OF MILITARY SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN ASSIGNED TO BMO.

ON BEHALF OF THE REDLANDS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO CONSIDER RELOCATING SSD TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE AND KEEPING BMO AT NORTON.

THANK YOU.

COL. THOMPSON: JAY A. PAUL.

MR. PAUL: MY NAME IS JAY PAUL. I REPRESENT THE CITY OF HIGHLAND AT 27215 EAST BASE LINE. I REALLY DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING FURTHER TO SAY THAN WHAT MAYOR TULLY HAD SAID, OTHER THAN THE CITY OF HIGHLAND DOES NOT WANT TO SEE BMO LEAVE THE AREA, AND WE SUPPORT SSD-L.A. MOVING TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE.

I DID HAVE SOME QUESTIONS THAT WOULD PROBABLY TAKE LONGER THAN MY ALLOWED FIVE MINUTES ON SOME OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS, AND I WILL RESERVE THOSE AT A LATER DATE TO ADDRESS THEM IN WRITING TO YOU.

THANK YOU.

COL. THOMPSON: THANKS. JIM APPLETON.

DR. APPLETON: GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS DR. JIM APPLETON. I AM PRESIDENT OF THE

UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS AND, ALSO, DIRECTOR OF INLAND ACTION, A GROUP OF COMMUNITY LEADERS WHICH FOR 28 YEARS HAS GIVEN SUPPORT TO THE AIR FORCE ACTIVITY IN THE INLAND EMPIRE. I LIVE ON ROSEMONT DRIVE IN REDLANDS.

THERE'S AN ASPECT OF THIS MATTER WHICH THE AIR FORCE MAY NOT BE REQUIRED BY TITLE 10 TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IN QUITE THE DETAIL THAT I WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO THE CONSIDERATION OF LOCATION; NAMELY, THAT THERE ARE EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES IN THIS AREA FOR THE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO AIR FORCE ACTIVITY AND THE SUPPORT AGENCIES WHICH ARE EXTRAORDINARY AND -- NOT UNIQUE, BUT VERY UNUSUAL, AND OUGHT TO BE ADDED TO THE CONSIDERATION OF LOCATION. AND I THINK THIS POSITION TENDS TO SUPPORT YOUR NUMBER ONE AND FIVE OPTIONS.

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QUALITY EDUCATION IS ORGANIZED AT DIFFERENT INCREMENTS -- ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, SECONDARY, HIGHER EDUCATION -- BUT OUGHT TO BE VIEWED AS A SEAM -- AS A SYSTEM WITH SIMPLY VERY TIGHT SEAMS AMONG THEM. AND WE TRY IN THIS AREA TO CONCEPTUALIZE EDUCATION IN THAT WAY. SO QUALITY EDUCATION BEGINS IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SYSTEM.

AND IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR ME TO REPRESENT MY COLLEAGUES IN NOTING THAT LOCAL

SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE INLAND EMPIRE HAVE EFFECTIVELY COPED WITH THE GROWTH IN STUDENT ENROLLMENT. RIVERSIDE AND SAN BERNARDINO SCHOOLS ENJOY AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION FOR PROVIDING QUALITY INSTRUCTION IN MODERN FACILITIES.

AND THEN TO SPEAK MORE TO MY AREA OF INTEREST AND, I SUPPOSE, EXPERTISE, THE INLAND EMPIRE HAS SOME OF THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE UNITED STATES. WITHIN A 30-MINUTE DRIVE OF WHERE WE ARE THIS EVENING, THERE ARE FOURTEEN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS WHICH PREPARE STUDENTS IN A WIDE RANGE OF DISCIPLINES. THIS WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE IN MANY OF THE OTHER SITE LOCATIONS.

THE EXPERT FACILITIES, THE FACULTIES, THE LIBRARIES, MODERN RESEARCH CENTERS, PLANNED CAMPUS FACILITIES AND THE GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS THEMSELVES ALL PROVIDE LOCAL BUSINESSES IN THE COMMUNITY WITH A WEALTH OF RESOURCES. THE SUPPLIERS OF NEW TALENT AND HIGHLY EDUCATED EMPLOYEES, THESE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OFFER AN INVALUABLE RESOURCE. THEY ALSO HOST EXISTING EMPLOYEES OF LOCAL BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY BY PROVIDING ONGOING TRAINING IN MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES, CONTINUING EDUCATION AND CLASSES FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE LOCAL AREA WORK FORCE

THROUGH VARIOUS EXTENSION PROGRAMS.

AND I REPEAT THAT THESE RESOURCES ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN THE SAME BREADTH AND DEPTH AT THE OTHER LOCATIONS WHICH ARE BEING CONSIDERED.

THERE ARE TWO OTHER VERY UNIQUE FEATURES THAT I WILL JUST ILLUSTRATE TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATIONAL VALUES OF THIS AREA FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL; ONE, THAT WE REPRESENT IN THIS INLAND EMPIRE A VERY UNUSUAL BLEND OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS. IN THIS INLAND EMPIRE, WE HAVE A UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA CAMPUS, THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT RIVERSIDE; WE HAVE A STATE COLLEGE CAMPUS, CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AT SAN BERNARDINO; WE HAVE SIX COMMUNITY COLLEGES; WE HAVE A PRESTIGIOUS MEDICAL FACILITY AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM; AND, IF I MAY SAY SO, A PRESTIGIOUS PRIVATE UNIVERSITY CALLED THE UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS, AND OTHERS THAT ARE WITHIN THIS 30-MILE LOCATION.

MANY OF OUR PROGRAMS PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION AS WELL TO ADULT LEARNING. AND TO ILLUSTRATE ONE SUCH PROGRAM, THE WHITEHEAD CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS HAS A DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM FOR PERSONNEL THAT HAVE BEEN IN WORK SITUATIONS AND IN MIDDLE MANAGEMENT SITUATIONS ALL THE WAY FROM AGE 35 INTO AGE 60 SO

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THAT THEY WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE THEIR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE.

AND, IN ADDITION, A MASTER'S OF BUSINESS PROGRAM THAT IS EXACTLY GEARED TO THE KIND OF PERSONNEL THAT THE MILITARY REPRESENTS IN THIS AREA.

AND I ONLY SAY THAT TO ILLUSTRATE A CAMPUS I KNOW BEST, BUT I KNOW THAT MY COLLEAGUES AT THE *UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA*, *MY COLLEAGUES* AT CALIFORNIA STATE AT SAN BERNARDINO JOIN ME IN INDICATING THAT WE WOULD WANT YOU TO ADD TO YOUR CONSIDERATION THE ADVANTAGES THAT WE PROVIDE IN THIS AREA WHICH ARE EXTRAORDINARY, AND WHICH ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN THE SAME BREADTH AND DEPTH AS OCCURS IN THE INLAND EMPIRE FOR BOTH THE CHILDREN AND THE ADULT PERSONNEL THAT YOU REPRESENT IN THIS DECISION.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COL. *THOMPSON*: *ROBERT WOLF*.

MR. WOLF: THANK YOU, COL. THOMPSON, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TEAM. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK THIS EVENING.

MY NAME IS BOB WOLF, 11441 MEACOCK, MORENO VALLEY, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA. I AM HERE TODAY IN CAPACITY OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE VALLEY GROUP, AN ORGANIZATION OF BUSINESS AND

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COMMUNITY LEADERS DEDICATED TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT OF WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY AND ITS SURROUNDS WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE ENVIRONMENT THAT WE MUST ALL LIVE WITHIN. THAT IS NOT REALLY WHAT WE ARE HERE TO SPEAK TO YOU TODAY.

WE COME TO YOU, SIR, TO SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE REPRESENTING RIVERSIDE COUNTY TO SAY TO YOU THAT WE ARE FIRMLY IN SUPPORT OF THE ALTERNATIVE THAT WOULD BRING SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE AND MAINTAIN SMO HERE AT ITS RIGHTFUL HOME, NORTON AIR FORCE BASE. 15.10

THE INLAND EMPIRE IS NOT A DISJOINTED GROUP OF DISSIMILAR INTERESTS WORKING AGAINST EACH OTHER, FIGHTING FOR SITS AND PIECES OF THE ECONOMIC PIE, BUT, RATHER, A COMING TOGETHER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE SPEAKING WITH ONE VOICE IN THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS PARTICULAR OPTION, MARCH AIR FORCE BASE OR SSD, AND THE LOCATION OF -- THE MAINTAINING OF SMO HERE AT NORTON.

WE FEEL THAT THIS IS THE MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND ALTERNATIVE THAT HAS BEEN PROPOSED IN ALL OF THOSE PUT FORTH IN THE STUDIES PERFORMED BY THE AIR FORCE. WE FEEL, HOWEVER, THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THEY WILL NOT SEE THE AMOUNT OF LIGHT THAT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE THEM

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THE FINAL DECIDING FACTOR IN TAKING THIS, THE MOST LOGICAL COURSE OF ACTION.

WE WOULD RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE ECONOMIC DECISIONS THAT ARE MADE BE BASED UPON SOUND ECONOMIC AND FISCAL RESOURCES. WE ASK THAT THE STUDIES THAT ARE MADE TO ASCERTAIN ACTUALLY WHAT IT COSTS TO MOVE AND WHAT IT WOULD ACTUALLY COST TO MAINTAIN THE FACILITIES FOR EACH OF THE ALTERNATIVES BE DONE NOT AS A BROAD-BASED -- OR BROAD SWEEP AND IN GENERALIZED TERMS, BUT, RATHER, BE FULLY EXPLORED TO THE GREATEST DEPTH, SO A REAL FIGURE OF THE COSTS AND DOLLARS CAN BE ASCERTAINED, SO THAT THE REAL COSTS IN HUMAN LIVES THAT ARE MOVED FROM NORTON FOR SMO WHAT COSTS COULD BE, IN FACT, AVOIDED.

APPRECIATE YOUR TIME, SIR, AND THE OPPORTUNITY.

COL. THOMPSON: STEVE PONTELL.

MR. *PONTELL*: THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY, COL. THOMPSON. MY NAME IS STEVE PONTELL. I AM PRESIDENT OF THE INLAND EMPIRE ECONOMIC COUNCIL AT 800 NORTH HAVEN, SUITE 100, ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA.

FIRST, I'D LIKE TO COMMEND THE AIR FORCE AND ITS CONSULTANTS ON AN EXCELLENT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. IN A CAPACITY

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THAT REVIEWS MANY OF THESE. THIS ONE WAS VERY WELL PUT TOGETHER AND EASY TO READ.

A COUPLE OF SPECIFIC POINTS WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT THAT I WISH TO QUESTION OR AT LEAST BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION.

AS WAS STATED EARLIER, "THE REMOVAL OF AN AIR FORCE FACILITY IN ANY OF THE LOCATIONS IS NOT KNOWN TO GENERATE NEGATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS."

AND I WOULD QUESTION THAT STATEMENT THAT LT. COL. BARTOL MADE EARLIER WITH REGARD TO THE FACT THAT ON PAGE 2-8 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, THE PARAGRAPH INDICATES THAT 65 PERCENT OF THE PERSONNEL FROM THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION OF BALLISTICS MISSILE OFFICE OF NORTON AIR FORCE BASE WOULD REMAIN IN EXISTING RESIDENCE *IN SAN BERNARDINO*. THOSE INDIVIDUALS WILL OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO RELOCATE TO POSITIONS AND JOBS SOMEWHERE WITHIN A COMMUTING DISTANCE. AND AS CONGRESSMAN BROWN INDICATED EARLIER, THAT COMMUTING DISTANCE COULD VERY OFTEN BE IN THE LOS ANGELES OR ORANGE COUNTY AREA, ESSENTIALLY GENERATING ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC AND ADDITIONAL AIR QUALITATIVE CONSTRAINTS. 3.29

AND I THINK THAT THE SAME COMMENTS COULD BE MADE WITH A VARIETY OF THE DIFFERENT SPECIFIC RESOURCE IMPACTS THAT ARE *OUTLINED ON THE BACK OF*

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THIS PARTICULAR PAGE.

ANOTHER COMMENT WITHIN YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT DEALS, ON PAGE 4.1-11, WITH THE CUMULATIVE IMPACTS. AND I WOULD CAUTION IN THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT STATEMENTS SUCH AS, "ALTHOUGH THE RESULT OF THESE REDUCTIONS WILL BE INCREASED UNEMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS CUTBACKS, THE STRENGTH AND DIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S ECONOMY AND LABOR FORCE SHOULD ACCOMMODATE THESE CHANGES WITHOUT LONG-TERM IMPACTS." 4.32

I THINK THAT IN THE FINAL DRAFT -- THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, MAYBE A MORE QUALITATIVE STATEMENT OTHER THAN A "SHOULD BE ABLE TO ABSORB IT" MIGHT BE A BETTER WAY TO INDICATE THE CUMULATIVE IMPACTS.

AND, SPECIFICALLY, WITH REGARD TO THE AREA IN AND AROUND THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION, OBVIOUSLY THE CUMULATIVE IMPACTS OF THE SHUTDOWN OF NORTON AIR FORCE BASE AND GEORGE AIR FORCE BASE ON THIS SPECIFIC LOCALE WILL BE, AS SUPERVISOR HANNOCK SAID, TREMENDOUS. 4.13

THERE ARE SIX ADDITIONAL POINTS THAT I THINK I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THAT ARE NOT ADDRESSED IN YOUR DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, TWO OF WHICH HAVE BEEN HIT TO A CERTAIN DEGREE 15.10

ALREADY. AND THAT HAS TO DO WITH THE COMMUNITY SETTING, THE PHYSICAL OR MANMADE ENVIRONMENT OF EACH OF THE COMMUNITIES BEING CONSIDERED AND EACH OF THE ALTERNATIVES BEING ADDRESSED. THE FIRST WAS THE UNIVERSITY SUPPORT SYSTEM AND, AS DR. APPLETON MENTIONED, 14 FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES. AND AN ADDITIONAL STATEMENT IS THAT THEY GRADUATE 6,000 GRADUATES PER YEAR, WHICH IS A SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE RESOURCE AVAILABLE WITHIN THIS REGION THAT I THINK, STACKED UP AGAINST OTHER ALTERNATIVES, WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT.

THE SECOND IS THE LABOR FORCE OF THE INLAND EMPIRE. WE HAVE OVER 300,000 RESIDENTS -- AND THIS IS AN ESTIMATED NUMBER -- COMMUTING OUT OF THE INLAND EMPIRE INTO L.A. AND ORANGE COUNTY. THOSE RESIDENTS PROVIDE A SIGNIFICANT POTENTIAL LABOR FORCE FOR ANY FUTURE NEEDS OF EITHER THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION MOVING TO MARCH OR THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION REMAINING AT NORTON. AND I THINK THAT THAT KIND OF AN ANALYSIS OF THE LABOR FORCE OF EACH OF THE COMMUNITIES BEING CONSIDERED WOULD GENERATE SOME INTERESTING FINDINGS. 15.10

THE THIRD IS THE HEALTH CARE SUPPORT. THERE ARE OVER 7,000 HOSPITAL BEDS AVAILABLE IN THE INLAND EMPIRE AREA, AND ALONG WITH THAT ARE

SEVERAL VETERANS HOSPITALS AND FEDERALLY FUNDED FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE MAJOR RESEARCH FACILITY IN LOMA LINDA. IF YOU WERE TO COMPARE THE HEALTH CARE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE VARIOUS REGIONS, WE THINK THAT THAT WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION.

THE FOURTH IS, YOU HAVE MENTIONED TRANSPORTATION SITUATIONS IN THEIR CURRENT STATE, BUT IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT, IN MY ANALYSIS, TO INDICATE THE FUTURE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS OF EACH OF THE ALTERNATIVES. IN BOTH SAN BERNARDINO AND RIVERSIDE COUNTIES, HALF-CENT SALES TAX INITIATIVES HAVE BEEN PASSED WHICH PROVIDE FUNDING FAR AND ABOVE THAT WHICH ANY OTHER REGION WITHIN THE STATE THAT DOESN'T HAVE HALF-CENT SALES TAX MEASURES WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE. EACH OF THOSE MEASURES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RECENTLY INCREASED GAS TAX WITHIN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS WELL AS LOCAL DEVELOPMENT DOLLARS, ARE ESSENTIALLY LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR STRONG INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE TRANSPORTATION AREA FAR INTO THE FUTURE IN THE INLAND EMPIRE. SO THAT CONGESTION IN THE INLAND EMPIRE IS AN ISSUE WHICH WE WILL CONTINUE TO ADDRESS AS OUR REGION DEALS WITH ITS NEEDS. 15.10

THE FIFTH AREA HAS TO DO WITH HOUSING

COSTS. AND ONE ISSUE THAT MIGHT BE LOOKED AT WITHIN THE CONFINES OF YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT HAS TO DO WITH THE ISSUES OF HOUSING APPRECIATION. IF AN INDIVIDUAL WERE TO MOVE INTO A HOUSING UNIT IN THE INLAND EMPIRE, THEY CAN ANTICIPATE SOME APPRECIATION IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

SINCE I HAVE A RED CARD, I WILL SPEED THROUGH THIS.

THE SECOND IS THE ISSUE OF HOUSING MIX. THE ABILITY TO HAVE LOW-INCOME AFFORDABLE HOUSING. APARTMENT UNITS AVAILABLE, HOUSING AT A VARIETY OF LEVELS WITHIN THE INLAND EMPIRE.

THE THIRD ISSUE IS THE BASIC HOUSING AFFORDABILITY. IF YOU WERE TO LOOK AT SPECIFIC POCKETS WITHIN THE INLAND EMPIRE, YOU WOULD FIND HOUSING COMPETITIVE WITH ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE NATION. 15.10

AND THE SIXTH ITEM TO MAYBE ADD TO THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT HAS TO DO WITH THE RECREATION, CULTURE AND AESTHETIC ASPECTS OF THE COMMUNITIES THAT SURROUND EACH OF THE FACILITIES. IN THE INLAND EMPIRE, WE ARE NOT ONLY CLOSE TO THE MOUNTAINS AND THE OCEAN AND THE DESERT, BUT WE HAVE NUMEROUS CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES THAT YOUR PERSONNEL, I'M SURE, WOULD LIKE TO HAVE TAKEN INTO

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CONSIDERATION

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

COL. THOMPSON: DON LARKIN.

MR. LARKIN: MY NAME IS DON LARKIN. I AM THE ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER FOR THE PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, 195 NORTH ARROWHEAD, SAN BERNARDINO. COL. THOMPSON, OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING TEAM, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

MAINLY, WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS IS THE EFFECT OF THE JOB SITUATION IN THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. LAST WEEK, I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH A FIRM THAT -- AS FAR AS JOB TRAINING AND PLACEMENT WITH THEM. NOW, THAT WAS A SMALL ENGINEERING MANUFACTURING FIRM THAT EMPLOYED ABOUT EIGHT PEOPLE, AND THEY MAINLY MANUFACTURED SMALL ITEMS, AS FAR AS LIMITED NUMBERS, WITH THE MILITARY AND WITH DEFENSE CONTRACTORS; FOR EXAMPLE, NORTON AND GENERAL DYNAMICS. MY CONCERN WAS AS FAR AS SEEING ABOUT ADDITIONAL JOB PLACEMENTS WITH HIS AGENCY. HIS CONCERN WAS AS FAR AS KEEPING THE JOBS THAT HE CURRENTLY HAD.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION IS CONCERNED

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WITH THE PRESENT JOB ENVIRONMENT, NOT REALLY WITH THE PROJECTED ONE. IN FACT, ON PAGE 3.2-3, IT STATES, "THE FEDERAL MILITARY JOB SECTOR HAS EXPERIENCED A VERY SMALL AMOUNT OF GROWTH IN RECENT YEARS," WHEN, IN ACTUALITY, THE KNOWN CLOSURE OF GEORGE AIR FORCE AND NORTON AIR FORCE BASES WILL MEAN A LOSS OF APPROXIMATELY 12,000 JOBS.

ALSO, THE ANNOUNCED REORGANIZATION OF GENERAL DYNAMICS COULD ALSO RELATE TO A LOSS OF UP TO 2,500 PERSONNEL.

NOW, MOST OF THESE JOBS ARE RELATED TO PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SKILLS. REALISTICALLY, MANY OF THESE JOBS WILL BE RELOCATED. BUT IN SOME CASES, THAT IS NOT TRUE. FOR EXAMPLE, 1,800 OR 2,500 CIVILIAN POSITIONS OF NORTON'S 63RD MILITARY AIRLIFT WING WILL BE NOT OFFERED REPLACEMENT. NOW, THESE 14,500 JOBS, ADDED TO THE 2,530 POSITIONS LEFT FROM THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION, MEANS A LOSS OF OVER 17,000 JOBS IN DEFENSE-RELATED POSITIONS TO SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. NOW, THESE ARE DIRECT FIGURE COSTS AND DO NOT INCLUDE THE INDIRECT JOBS RELATED.

THE JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT WILL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AS FAR AS TRAINING, PLACEMENT AND RELOCATING OF THESE DISLOCATED WORKERS.

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HOWEVER, SUCH A DRAMATIC CHANGE WILL REQUIRE A GREAT INFLUX OF FEDERAL FUNDING IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THAT.

THE RELOCATING OF THE BALLISTIC MISSILE OFFICE WILL HAVE TWO DRAMATIC EFFECTS NOT ADDRESSED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. FIRST OF ALL, AS WAS MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY ENJOYS AN EXCELLENT EDUCATION SYSTEM THAT GRADUATES IN PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL FIELDS.

THIS AREA ALSO SERVES AS A BEDROOM COMMUNITY TO THE LOS ANGELES AREA. CURRENT ESTIMATES IS UP TO 35 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE HAVE TO COMMUTE OUTSIDE THE AREA TO FIND POSITIONS. THE CLOSURE WILL INCREASE THIS AMOUNT.

THE SECOND THING IS -- WHICH IS A PRINCIPAL CONCERN TO US -- IS TO PROVIDE JOB PLACEMENT FOR THOSE POSITIONS FROM GEORGE AIR FORCE BASE, NORTON AIR FORCE BASE AND GENERAL DYNAMICS, REQUIRE THAT PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL JOBS BE AVAILABLE.

NOW, EVEN THOUGH THIS AREA HAS EXPERIENCED A 42 PERCENT INCREASE IN JOBS CREATED OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS, MANY OF THESE ARE RETAIL MANUFACTURING, NOT IN THE PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL FIELDS.

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THE BALLISTIC MISSILE OFFICE, IF IT REMAINS, WILL ACTUALLY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISPLACED -- FOR THOSE DISPLACED IN THE LOSS OF GEORGE, NORTON AND GENERAL DYNAMICS.

IN SUMMARY, I THINK WHAT NEEDS TO ALSO BE CONSIDERED IS NOT JUST THE LOSS OF THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION IN RELATION TO WHAT THE CURRENT SITUATION IS, BUT WHAT THE PROJECTED SITUATION IS. THIS COMMUNITY REALIZES THAT BECAUSE OF THE POLITICAL AND PHYSICAL SITUATIONS, THAT THE BASE CLOSURES ARE INEVITABLE, AND THERE ARE ALSO GOING TO BE LIMITATIONS AS FAR AS THE DEFENSE CONTRACTORS. HOWEVER, IT DOES SEEM THAT OTHER COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN SUFFERING FROM SURGICAL STRIKES IN THIS, WHILE WE HAVE BEEN SUFFERING FROM SATURATED BOMBING. AND I JUST THINK THAT THE CONSIDERATION OVERALL IS THAT WE HAVE TO TAKE INTO -- TAKE IN THE FACTS THAT THE OVERALL IMPACT OF THE LOSS OF THE MILITARY IS GOING TO HAVE A DRAMATIC EFFECT ON THIS COMMUNITY

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COL. THOMPSON: BOB KERCHEVAL.

MR. KERCHEVAL: GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS BOB KERCHEVAL. I AM THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE COALITION OF CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 1931 WEST LUGONIA IN REDLANDS, AND WE REPRESENT 13 CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE THAT GENERALLY SURROUND NORTON AIR FORCE BASE, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT THE EIS IS SOMEWHAT INCORRECT IN LOOKING AT A 50-MILE RADIUS WHEN THEY ARE LOOKING AT IMPACT, BECAUSE A 50-MILE RADIUS TAKES A GOOD PART OF LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTIES, AND THOSE ARE NATURAL BARRIERS, FOR THE IMPACT.

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WE WOULD PROPOSE AND SUGGEST THAT IN OUR TERRITORY, COVERED BY OUR 13 CHAMBERS, THAT OVER 65 PERCENT OF THE CURRENT EMPLOYEES WORKING AT SNO ARE LOCATED WITHIN THOSE CHAMBER ACTIVITY AREAS, AND, CONSEQUENTLY, THE IMPACT SHOULD BE MUCH MORE ON A 15- TO 20-MILE RADIUS AS OPPOSED TO A 50-MILE RADIUS. THAT, I BELIEVE, WOULD BE A MUCH MORE TRUE IMPACT ON OUR AREA.

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IN ADDITION, WE WOULD LIKE TO INDICATE THAT WE HAVE A 100 PERCENT AGREEMENT FROM ALL 13 CHAMBERS THAT SUPPORTS THE MOVE OF SSD TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE AND THE CONTINUATION OF SNO AT NORTON AIR FORCE BASE.

THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN.

COL. THOMPSON: SAM HENLEY.

MR. HENLEY: THANK YOU, COL. THOMPSON,

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AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PANEL. MY NAME IS SAM HENLEY AND I AM THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SAN BERNARDINO AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, LOCATED AT 546 WEST SIXTH STREET, SAN BERNARDINO.

I WOULD LIKE TO REFER TO -- ALTHOUGH WE HAVE GONE OVER THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON THE RELOCATION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION, ON BEHALF OF THE CHAMBER, WE DID ATTEND A MEETING ON AUGUST 6TH WHERE WE REVIEWED THE REPORT THAT WAS REFERRED TO BY COL. BARTOL, AND WE SUBMITTED A LETTER -- EXCUSE ME. I AM SORRY -- AND WE SUBMITTED A LETTER ON BEHALF OF THE CHAMBER.

LOOKING AT THAT REPORT IN PARTICULAR, AND SOME OF THE ITEMS -- I WILL LEAVE YOU A COPY OF THAT LETTER THAT WE SENT TO THE AIR FORCE STAFF ON THAT, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT WE DID HAVE SOME CONCERNS WITH THE METHODOLOGY THAT WAS USED IN THE REPORT. AND BOB ERCHEVAL, THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER, JUST MENTIONED ONE OF THOSE ITEMS WHERE THE AREA WAS REFERRED TO AS THE POPULATION CENTER WITHIN A 50-MILE RADIUS. AND THAT REGION INCLUDES ALL OF SAN BERNARDINO AND RIVERSIDE COUNTIES.

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THE USE OF THE REGION DISTORTS THE EFFECTS OF THE CLOSURE OF THE SNO. SAN BERNARDINO AND RIVERSIDE COUNTIES ENCOMPASS A HUGE GEOGRAPHIC

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AREA, ENCOMPASSING SEVERAL DISTINCT ECONOMIC ECONOMIES, LOCAL ECONOMIES, MOST OF WHICH WILL FEEL LITTLE EFFECT AT THE CLOSURE OF SNO. IN FACT, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY IS THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE EFFECTS OF THE CLOSURE OF THE SNO WILL BE FELT PRIMARILY IN THE CITIES OF SAN BERNARDINO, HIGHLANDS, REDLANDS, LOMA LINDA, COLTON, GRAND TERRACE AND RIALTO. IT'S THE EFFECT ON THE ECONOMY OF THOSE CITIES WHICH SHOULD BE MEASURED AS THE -- TO REFLECT THE LOCAL IMPACT AS MANDATED BY TITLE 10 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE.

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IN SECTION 2 OF THE REPORT, WE ARE CONCERNED WITH THE COMPARATIVE FIGURES THAT REALLY FAIL TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ADEQUATELY, WE BELIEVE, THE CLOSURE OF NORTON AIR FORCE BASE AND GEORGE AIR FORCE BASE, BOTH LOCATED IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY.

WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU, IN THAT DATA PRESENTED IN SECTION 2 OF THAT REPORT, TO INCLUDE THOSE PROJECTED FIGURES WHICH TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE CLOSURE OF THOSE BASES. A TRUE PICTURE, THEN, WOULD SHOW THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE SNO IN LIGHT OF, IN ADDITION TO, THOSE TWO BASES BEING CLOSED.

FINALLY, MUCH OF THE DATA CONTAINED IN

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THE REPORT REFLECTS AN ECONOMY OF THE GREATER INLAND EMPIRE IN SOME CASES, AND THE GREATER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN OTHER CASES. WHILE THE COLTON, SAN BERNARDINO, HIGHLANDS, REDLANDS, LOMA LINDA -- AND THE CITIES THAT I REFERRED TO -- AREA DOES, TO SOME EXTENT, BENEFIT FROM THE GROWTH OF THE ECONOMY OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA, IT HAS NOT ALWAYS ENJOYED THE FRUITS OF THOSE -- OF THAT GROWTH. ONE NEEDS ONLY TO COMPARE IT TO THE GROWTH IN THE OTHER COMMUNITIES, THE ONTARIO PORTION OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, TO THAT IN THE SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY, TO REALIZE THAT THE VALLEY AREA, WHEREIN SNO IS LOCATED, HAS RECEIVED ONLY A SMALL BENEFIT IN COMPARISON TO THE ECONOMIC GROWTH OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION.

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WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU IN THIS REPORT TO LOOK MORE CLOSELY AT THE ECONOMY OF THE SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AREA TO ASSESS THE TRUE EFFECT OF THE CLOSURE OF THE SNO. FOR INSTANCE, AS DISCUSSED AT THE HEARING, FIGURES INCLUDED IN THE DRAFT REPORT PAINT QUITE A POSITIVE FIGURE REGARDING ABSORPTION OF OFFICE SPACE; SECTION 3.2.1, CONCERNING COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE.

HOWEVER, THE EXPANSION AND THE HIGH DEMAND FOR OFFICE SPACE IN SUCH A REPORT DOES NOT EXIST IN THE SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AREA. RATHER,

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THIS AREA IS ABSORBING NEW OFFICE SPACE AT A MUCH LOWER RATE THAN THE COUNTY AND THE REGION AT LARGE, AND IS EXPERIENCING SHORTER DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW OFFICE SPACE COMPARED TO THE ONTARIO AREA. ALTHOUGH IT IS GROWING RAPIDLY, AND WE SEE THAT CHANGING. BUT WE THINK THE IMPACT OF THE CLOSURE OR THE RELOCATION OF SMO WOULD BE CERTAINLY DETRIMENTAL TO THIS AREA, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOU CONSIDER THAT ON A MORE LOCAL BASIS.

THANK YOU.

COL. THOMPSON: STEVE ALBRIGHT?

MR. ALBRIGHT: COL. THOMPSON AND MEMBERS OF THE HEARING BOARD, MY NAME IS STEVE ALBRIGHT. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP IN RIVERSIDE. I AM ALSO ACTING AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INLAND EMPIRE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION RELOCATION GROUP WHICH CONGRESSMAN BROWN REFERRED TO ABOUT AN HOUR AGO.

IT'S A PLEASURE TO SPEAK TO YOU THIS EVENING, AND WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO INITIALLY WOULD BE TO OFFER YOU INTO THE RECORD A COPY OF A PUBLICATION WHICH WE HAVE PUT TOGETHER WHICH IDENTIFIES MANY OF THE STATISTICS AND NUMBERS WHICH YOU HAVE HEARD ADDRESSED TO YOU THIS AF- -- OR THIS EVENING.

I'D LIKE TO ALSO MAKE A FEW SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. WE COULD HAVE ARRANGED TO HAVE MANY, MANY PEOPLE *HERE IN SUPPORT TONIGHT.* WE COULD HAVE BROUGHT BUSLOADS OF PEOPLE IN. WE FELT IT WAS BETTER TO ACTUALLY HAVE PEOPLE COME AND SPECIFICALLY TALK TO THE IMPACT STATEMENT, AS WE UNDERSTOOD THAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING.

THERE'S ONE AREA THAT I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS SPECIFICALLY. YOU'VE HEARD IT MENTIONED, BUT I CAN OFFER YOU SOME TESTIMONY AS AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY. I AM GOVERNOR DEUKMEJIAN'S APPOINTEE TO THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD. AND THERE IS SOME INFORMATION IN THE DRAFT *STATEMENT WITH REGARD TO SMO WHICH I THINK* NOT ONLY IS MISLEADING, BUT IS ACTUALLY IN ERROR.

I CAN RELATIVELY ASSURE YOU THAT YOU WILL HEAR MORE TESTIMONY ON AIR QUALITY TOMORROW NIGHT, BUT I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE TO CLARIFY WHAT I THINK IS A CLEAR ERROR AND THAT IS THAT YOUR COMMENTS THAT -- WITH REGARD TO THE EMISSIONS OF OXIDES OF NITROGEN WOULD BE DECREASED OR WOULD NOT BE IMPACTED BECAUSE THERE IS AN ABSENCE, QUOTE, "OF MAJOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY WITH VERY LOW EMISSIONS." I *WISH* THAT THAT *WAS THE CASE. WE WISH* IT WAS ALL

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THE CASE. IT'S NOT.

I THINK THERE ARE MANY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA THAT PROVE TO YOU THAT THERE ARE MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF SQUARE FEET IN THIS AREA, THAT THIS IS AN INDUSTRIALIZED AREA AND, UNFORTUNATELY, *THERE ARE MANY STATIONARY SOURCES. AND AS WAS* SAID TO YOU EARLIER, THIS WOULD HAVE NO IMPACT ON AIR QUALITY IN THE AREA.

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THERE IS ALSO ANOTHER -- A SUMMARY ON AIR QUALITY THAT IS ALSO IN ERROR. THAT SAYS THAT THERE WOULD BE AN IMPROVEMENT IN AIR QUALITY AS A RESULT OF THE CLOSING OF SMO. THAT IS ABSOLUTELY NOT CORRECT. UNLESS THE AIR FORCE WAS WILLING TO ASSURE THAT ALL THOSE PEOPLE THAT NOW WORK AND LIVE CLOSE TO -- OR THAT LIVE CLOSE TO WHERE THEY WORK WOULD HAVE POSITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT WHERE THEY *WOULDN'T BE COMMUTING, THE OPPOSITE WOULD BE THE* EFFECT. IF YOU WERE FORCED TO GET IN YOUR CAR AND COMMUTE 50 MILES IN CROWDED TRAFFIC, YOU WOULD HAVE A DEGRADATION OF AIR QUALITY. AND I THINK THAT THAT NEEDS TO BE CLARIFIED FOR THE FINAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

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FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS SOME SOCIOECONOMIC IMPACTS, AND THAT'S WHAT I THINK MOST OF THE PEOPLE ARE DOING HERE THIS EVENING. AND WE BELIEVE THAT THAT IS APPROPRIATE TESTIMONY

FOR RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT STATEMENT.

AS YOU HAVE HEARD FROM MANY PEOPLE, WE BELIEVE THAT THE SOCIOECONOMIC IMPACTS WOULD BE SERIOUS, AND EVEN MORE SERIOUS THAN HAVE BEEN CLARIFIED AND QUANTIFIED IN YOUR IMPACT STATEMENT. NOT ONLY DO YOU TALK ABOUT THE NUMBERS STATISTICALLY, BUT YOU DON'T GET INTO THE -- REALLY, THE PEOPLE ISSUES THAT YOU DEAL WITH WHEN YOU LOSE JOBS IN AN AREA.

AS HAS BEEN SAID TO YOU, WE ARE ALREADY GOING TO LOSE JOBS AS A RESULT OF BASE CLOSURES. AND WHENEVER THERE'S A CLOSURE OF A FACILITY, WHETHER IT BE A PUBLIC FACILITY OR A PRIVATE FACILITY, THE IMPACT TO A COMMUNITY WOULDN'T BE NEARLY SO LARGE IF YOU PICK UP THOSE 2,500 PEOPLE AND MOVE THEM WITH YOU TO WHEREVER YOU MIGHT GO. BUT THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN. YOU LEAVE THEM, AND YOU LEAVE THEM ON THE UNEMPLOYMENT ROLLS, OR YOU LEAVE THEM HAVING TO RELY ON THE SOCIAL PROGRAMS THAT ARE OFFERED BY COUNTIES WHICH ARE FACING BUDGET REDUCTIONS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

WE THINK THAT YOU SHOULD LOOK AT THAT TO SEE WHAT IMPACTS TRULY ARE OCCURRING TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE AREAS THAT ARE IMPACTED TO SEE WHO'S GOING TO PAY FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE LEFT ON UNEMPLOYMENT ROLLS. AND, UNFORTUNATELY, IT'S NOT

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1.2 THE AIR FORCE. IT'S THE LOCALITIES WHERE THEY STAY.

FINALLY, LET ME SAY THAT WE ALSO FEEL THAT THERE ARE MISSION REASONS FOR KEEPING THE BMO OFFICE OR ORGANIZATION AT NORTON AIR FORCE BASE. AS A RESULT OF THE DEFENSE MANAGEMENT REVIEW INITIATIVE THAT STREAMLINED BMO AND OTHER DIVISIONS IN THE SSD, THERE ARE SOME FACTS THAT WE BELIEVE SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE STATEMENT: FIRST, THAT THERE ARE LONG DISTANCES POTENTIALLY

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WE HAVE INVESTIGATED AND FOUND THAT THE COST OF FLYING BETWEEN ONTARIO AIRPORT AND DENVER AIRPORT, IF YOU WERE TO MOVE TO COLORADO SPRINGS, IS A ROUND TRIP COST OF $637. IT'S VERY EXPENSIVE. WE THINK IT'S GOING TO BE DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO RATIONALIZE THAT KIND OF MOVE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST, AND I GUARANTEE YOU WILL SEE MORE OF US AGAIN TOMORROW NIGHT.

COL. THOMPSON: THAT COMPLETES ALL THE CARDS OF THOSE WHO HAD INDICATED A DESIRE TO

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SPEAK. ARE THERE ANY OTHER CARDS OUTSTANDING?

APPARENTLY, THERE ARE NOT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST AND FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THIS HEARING. WE APPRECIATE YOUR INPUT AND YOUR POINT OF VIEW.

I WOULD REMIND YOU, ONCE AGAIN, THAT YOU DO HAVE UNTIL THE 24TH OF SEPTEMBER TO SUBMIT ANY FURTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS THAT YOU DESIRE TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. THIS HEARING IS ADJOURNED.

(THE HEARING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:55 P.M.)

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COL. MORRISON: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF EVERYBODY WANTS TO GET SEATED, WE WILL START THE PUBLIC HEARING.

GOOD EVENING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. IT'S GRATIFYING TO SEE A TURNOUT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN PROPOSED ACTIONS THAT MAY AFFECT THE CITIZENS OF THIS AREA.

ON MARCH 29TH, 1990, A SCOPING MEETING WAS HELD HERE TO IDENTIFY IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES THAT MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND THE RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. SUBSEQUENTLY, VARIOUS STUDIES WERE CONDUCTED REGARDING THOSE AND OTHER CONCERNS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED CLOSURE AND RELOCATION, AND A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WAS PREPARED.

THE AIR FORCE HAS NOW DISTRIBUTED THIS DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WHICH ADDRESSES PROPOSALS TO CLOSE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND RELOCATE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION BEGINNING IN 1993 AND FINISHING IN 1996.

THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS IDENTIFIED IN THE

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE MARCH AIR FORCE BASE AREA ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN THE HANDOUTS AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE AUDITORIUM AND WILL BE ADDRESSED IN DETAIL TONIGHT BY MAJ. MARY VROMAN.

SHOULD YOU WISH TO REVIEW THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, COPIES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-RIVERSIDE LIBRARY, AND THE CENTRAL, *MORENO VALLEY AND PERRIS LOCATIONS OF THE* RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY. IF YOU DESIRE YOUR OWN -- IF YOU WANT YOUR OWN COPY AND HAVE NOT ALREADY RECEIVED A COPY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, YOU MAY MAKE A SPECIFIC REQUEST BY WRITING TO THE ADDRESS SHOWN BOTH ON THE HANDOUT YOU RECEIVED AND ON THE WRITTEN COMMENT SHEET.

NOW, JUST WHY ARE WE HERE THIS EVENING? THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS TO SOLICIT INPUT FROM PUBLIC AGENCIES, PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. THIS HEARING IS BEING HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT AND IMPLEMENTING FEDERAL REGULATIONS WHICH REQUIRE FEDERAL AGENCIES TO CAREFULLY ANALYZE POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

OF CERTAIN PROPOSED ACTIONS, AND TO USE THOSE ANALYSES IN ARRIVING AT DECISIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS TO PROCEED -- IN HOW TO PROCEED WITH A PROPOSED ACTION.

I HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED TO ACT AS THE PRESIDING OFFICER FOR TONIGHT'S PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND THE RELOCATION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION, INCLUDING THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION. I AM COL. WADE MORRISON. I AM AN ATTORNEY, AND I SERVE FULL-TIME AS A MILITARY CIRCUIT TRIAL JUDGE STATIONED AT RANDOLPH AIR *FORCE BASE IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.*

I AM NOT ASSIGNED TO THE MARCH AIR FORCE BASE OR ANY OF THE BASES OR COMMANDS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR THE RELOCATION. I AM NOT HERE AS AN EXPERT ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, NOR HAVE I HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH ITS DEVELOPMENT. AND I AM NOT HERE TO ACT AS A LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE AIR FORCE REPRESENTATIVES WHO WILL ADDRESS THIS PROPOSAL. MY PURPOSE IS SIMPLY TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE A FAIR, ORDERLY HEARING, AND THAT ALL WHO WISH TO BE HEARD HAVE A FAIR CHANCE TO SPEAK TONIGHT.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE AIR FORCE HERE TONIGHT ARE COL. PETER BOGY, THE ACTING DIRECTOR

OF THE INSTALLATION RESTORATION PROGRAM AT *HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND* AT ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, MARYLAND. AND COL. BOGY WILL SPEAK ABOUT THE PROPOSED CLOSURE ACTION AND RELATED CLOSURE STUDIES.

NEXT, MAJ. SIDNEY BLACK OF THE BASE REALIGNMENT AND TRANSITION OFFICE AT MARCH AIR FORCE BASE. MAJ. BLACK IS HERE TO REPRESENT MARCH AIR FORCE BASE.

AND FROM THE REGIONAL CIVIL ENGINEER OFFICE AT NORTON AIR FORCE BASE, MAJ. MARY VROMAN. MAJ. VROMAN IS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION. SHE WILL DESCRIBE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS PROCESS AND THE CONCLUSIONS REPORTED IN THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

WE HAVE A COURT REPORTER, MS. DIANE MARTIN, WHO WILL BE TAKING DOWN VERBATIM *EVERYTHING* THAT'S SAID TONIGHT, AND THIS WILL BECOME A PART OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WHICH, IN TURN, BECOMES A PART OF THE *AIR FORCE RECORD OF DECISION. SHE CAN ONLY DO HER* JOB PROPERLY IF SHE CAN HEAR AND UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING THAT YOU ARE SAYING, SO THOSE OF YOU WHO WILL BE MAKING PUBLIC COMMENTS THIS EVENING, IF YOU WOULD PLEASE KEEP THAT IN MIND.

NOW, LET ME ADDRESS WHAT THIS HEARING IS NOT. THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE A DEBATE NOR A REFERENDUM OR A VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ACTION ITSELF. SUCH THINGS DON'T ADD ANYTHING TO THE *WRITTEN HEARING RECORD. SIMPLY WASTE YOUR VALUABLE* TIME DURING THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR PERSONAL INPUT INTO THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. THE FOCUS OF THIS HEARING IS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSALS BEING STUDIED BY THE AIR FORCE. COMMENTS ON NONENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES SHOULD NOT BE RAISED AT THIS HEARING.

WHAT THIS HEARING IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE IS A PUBLIC FORUM FOR TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION ABOUT THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WITH A VIEW TOWARD IMPROVING THE OVERALL DECISION-MAKING PROCESS.

YOU WILL NOTICE THAT I SAID "TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION." THE FIRST PART OF THE HEARING PROCESS LETS THE AIR FORCE'S MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE PEOPLE BRIEF YOU ON THIS PROPOSAL, ITS DETAILS, AND THE ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. THE *SECOND PART OF THE HEARING IS TO GIVE YOU AN* OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE THE AIR FORCE INFORMATION AND TO MAKE STATEMENTS FOR THE RECORD. YOUR INPUT ENSURES THAT THE DECISION MAKERS MAY *BENEFIT FROM* YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOCAL AREA AND ANY

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ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS THAT YOU THINK MAY RESULT FROM THE PROPOSED ACTION.

AS YOU CAME IN THE AUDITORIUM THIS EVENING, YOU WERE PROVIDED AN ATTENDANCE CARD AND ASKED TO INDICATE ON IT IF YOU HAD ANY COMMENTS FOR TONIGHT'S HEARING. WHEN THE BRIEFERS ARE FINISHED, WHEN THE AIR FORCE BRIEFERS ARE FINISHED, THEN I WILL RECOGNIZE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING COMMENTS.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT YET FILLED OUT A CARD TO SPEAK, AND YOU WISH TO DO SO, IF YOU WOULD PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND AND SOMEBODY WILL DISTRIBUTE MORE CARDS. SO IF YOU WANT TO SPEAK, JUST RAISE YOUR HAND. SOMEBODY WILL GIVE YOU A CARD. YOU CAN INDICATE THAT YOU WANT TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT.

OUR ORDER OF PROCEEDING IS IN THREE PARTS. FIRST, A BRIEFING FROM COL. BOGY ON THE PROPOSED CLOSURE AND RELOCATION ACTION AND THE OVERALL STUDY PROCESS. THEN, YOU WILL RECEIVE A BRIEFING FROM MAJ. VROMAN ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS PROCESS AND THE CONCLUSIONS REPORTED IN THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. FOLLOWING THESE PRESENTATIONS, WE WILL THEN PROCEED INTO THE PUBLIC INPUT PORTION OF THE HEARING. ELECTED OFFICIALS WILL BE GIVEN AN

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OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK FIRST, AND FOLLOWED BY THE PUBLIC AT LARGE, WHOSE NAMES WILL BE CALLED RANDOMLY FROM THE CARDS WHICH YOU HAVE HANDED IN.

NOW, IF YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE STANDING UP HERE TONIGHT AND MAKING A STATEMENT ORALLY, YOU HAVE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 24TH OF THIS YEAR TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS. THE COMMENT SHEETS ARE PROVIDED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE AUDITORIUM FOR YOU TO USE IN PROVIDING THESE WRITTEN COMMENTS.

IN FACT, EVEN IF YOU HAVE PUBLIC COMMENTS TONIGHT THAT YOU MAKE, YOU HAVE UNTIL THE 24TH OF SEPTEMBER TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL COMMENTS IN WRITING TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED.

WHETHER A STATEMENT IS MADE VERBALLY TONIGHT OR IN WRITING PRIOR TO THE 24TH OF SEPTEMBER, EACH STATEMENT WILL BE GIVEN EQUAL WEIGHT AND CONSIDERATION, SO DON'T FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE TO SPEAK TONIGHT IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS.

I DO WANT TO ENSURE THAT ALL WHO WISH TO SPEAK HAVE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD, SO IF YOU WOULD PLEASE HELP ME ENFORCE THE FOLLOWING GROUND RULES:

FIRST, I WOULD ASK YOU TO SPEAK ONLY AFTER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED, AND PLEASE ADDRESS ALL YOUR COMMENTS TO ME.

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SECOND, PLEASE USE THE MICROPHONE THAT'S PROVIDED BY THE PODIUM. SPEAK CLEARLY AND SLOWLY, STARTING OUT WITH YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND THE CAPACITY IN WHICH YOU APPEAR: FOR EXAMPLE, PUBLIC OFFICIAL, DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE OF A GROUP, OR PRIVATE CITIZEN, SO OUR COURT REPORTER, MS. MARTIN, CAN DO HER JOB PROPERLY.

THIRD, IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, ASK THEM ONE AT A TIME. AND I WILL ALLOW A REASONABLE NUMBER OF QUESTIONS. BECAUSE WE WILL HAVE A TIME LIMIT ON YOUR STATEMENTS, I WOULD ASK YOU TO PLEASE PRIORITIZE YOUR REMARKS TO ENSURE THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT ARE ADDRESSED FIRST.

AND, FOURTH, EACH PERSON WHO MAKES A PUBLIC COMMENT TONIGHT WILL BE RECOGNIZED FOR A MAXIMUM OF FIVE MINUTES. THAT INCLUDES PUBLIC OFFICIALS, DESIGNATED SPOKESPERSONS AND PRIVATE PERSONS. THE TIMEKEEPER WILL ASSIST YOU IN KEEPING TRACK OF YOUR TIME. AT THE FOUR-AND-A-HALF-MINUTE MARK, SHE WILL RAISE A YELLOW CARD, WHICH YOU SEE IN THE FRONT ROW, WHICH IS YOUR CUE THAT YOU HAVE USED UP FOUR AND A HALF MINUTES OF TIME, AND THAT YOU SHOULD BEGIN TO SUM UP YOUR COMMENTS. AND THEN SHE WILL RAISE A RED CARD WHEN YOUR FIVE MINUTES IS UP.

AND, FIFTH, IF YOU WOULD PLEASE HONOR ANY

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REQUEST FROM ME THAT YOU STOP SPEAKING WHEN YOUR TIME IS UP. OTHERWISE, WE MIGHT NOT HAVE TIME TO HEAR TONIGHT FROM EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO BE HEARD. SO I WOULD ASK YOU TO PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO FIVE MINUTES. OBVIOUSLY, MOST OF YOUR COMMENTS WON'T TAKE THAT LONG.

SIXTH, I WOULD ASK YOU TO PLEASE BE COURTEOUS AND DO NOT SPEAK WHILE SOMEONE ELSE IS SPEAKING. ONLY ONE PERSON WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT A TIME.

AND, FINALLY, OUR HOSTS TONIGHT HAVE ASKED THAT YOU KINDLY REFRAIN FROM SMOKING IN THIS HEARING ROOM. AND I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION IN ADHERING TO ALL OF THESE RULES.

I WILL MONITOR THE TIMES AND DO EVERYTHING WITHIN MY POWER TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO BE HEARD WILL BE HEARD. WITH REGARD TO QUESTIONS, IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THERE WILL BE QUESTIONS THAT THE AIR FORCE REPRESENTATIVES ARE UNABLE TO ANSWER. AND THAT COULD OCCUR FOR ONE OF TWO REASONS. THE FIRST: EVEN THOUGH A GOOD DEAL OF EXPERTISE IS ASSEMBLED HERE, THE PANELISTS WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS UNLESS THEY ARE CONFIDENT THAT THEY CAN DO SO ACCURATELY. AND, SECOND, THERE MAY BE QUESTIONS THAT HAVE NATIONAL SECURITY

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IMPLICATIONS, AND THESE MUST BE REVIEWED FURTHER BEFORE ANSWERS WOULD BE PROVIDED. IF THIS SHOULD OCCUR, AND IF THE QUESTION IS RELEVANT, THEN IT WILL BE ADDRESSED IN THE FINAL DOCUMENT THAT YOU CAN REQUEST A COPY OF.

ONE THING THAT I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS AGAIN. YOU MAY HAVE INFORMATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS UNKNOWN TO US. WE ARE VERY INTERESTED IN HAVING AND ANALYZING ALL POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ACTION. YOU HAVE THE EXPERIENCE THAT COMES FROM LIVING IN AN AREA OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME, SO THIS SECOND PART OF TONIGHT'S COMMUNICATION, THE PART THAT FLOWS FROM YOU TO US, THAT PART IS IMPORTANT. SO DON'T HESITATE TO BE A PART OF THE PROCEEDINGS THIS EVENING.

IF WE RUN OUT OF TIME BEFORE EVERYBODY GETS A CHANCE TO SPEAK, YOU ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT A STATEMENT IN WRITING TONIGHT OR ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE 24TH OF SEPTEMBER BY MAILING IT TO THE ADDRESS SHOWN IN THE HANDOUT. AND REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOUR STATEMENT IS ORAL OR IN WRITING, IT WILL BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS, AND IT WILL HAVE EQUAL WEIGHT AND RECEIVE THE SAME CAREFUL CONSIDERATION WHETHER MADE DURING TONIGHT'S HEARING OR

AFTERWARDS.

FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO TURNED OUT TONIGHT. YOUR PRESENCE HERE IS COMMENDABLE IN THAT IT REFLECTS A GREAT INTEREST IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND THE THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO IT. LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT YOUR INTEREST IS THE PRIMARY REASON FOR US BEING HERE TONIGHT.

NOW IT'S MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE COL. BOGY, WHO WILL BRIEF THE PROPOSAL.

LT. COL. BOGY: I AM THE ACTING CHIEF OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM AT HEADQUARTERS FOR THE AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND. WE ARE THE MAJOR COMMAND FOR SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION, WHICH I WILL REFER TO FROM TIME TO TIME DURING THIS BRIEFING AS "SSD." I WILL PRESENT THE PROPONENT'S POINT OF VIEW.

FIRST, I WILL GIVE A LITTLE BACKGROUND AND THEN WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ACTION, WHICH IS TO CLOSE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND RELOCATE SSD, INCLUDING THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION, OR "BMO," TO ONE OF FOUR LOCATIONS. THEN I WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES, WHICH RANGE FROM RELOCATION OF PORTIONS OF SSD TO NO ACTION AT ALL. FINALLY, I WILL PRESENT THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT FOR A VARIETY OF STUDIES

THAT WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE, COMPRISED OF 238 ACRES AND LOCATED IN THE SOUTH BAY REGION OF THE LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN AREA, IS THE HOST BASE FOR AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND'S SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. AN INTEGRAL PART OF SSD IS THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION, A FEDERALLY FUNDED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER.

SSD PLANS, PROGRAMS, MANAGES AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND PROGRAMS TO ACQUIRE SPACE SYSTEMS, SUBSYSTEMS, SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, AND RELATED HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE. AMONG THE MANY OTHER CRITICAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE AIR FORCE SPACE PROGRAM, SSD ALSO CONDUCTS RESEARCH, EXPLORATORY DEVELOPMENT, AND ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO ENSURE FUTURE SPACE MISSIONS.

THE RECENT REALIGNMENT OF BALLISTIC SYSTEMS DIVISION PLACED THE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE, OR THE "ICBM," PROGRAMS IN SSD. THIS UNIT, NOW KNOWN AS BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION, HAS A DEDICATED SYSTEMS ENGINEERING/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OR SETA CONTRACTOR WHO WOULD ALSO BE PART OF THE PROPOSED RELOCATION.

IN THE PROPOSED ACTION AND THE

ALTERNATIVES, SSD AND ITS SUPPORTING UNITS, INCLUDING THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION, ARE REFERRED TO AS SSD-LOS ANGELES.

BMO AND ITS SUPPORTING UNITS, INCLUDING ITS SETA CONTRACTOR, ARE REFERRED TO AS SSD-SAN BERNARDINO.

THREE FUNCTIONAL GROUPS WITHIN SSD HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS RELOCATION EVALUATION: THE SPACE SYSTEMS PROGRAM OFFICE, OR "SPO," THE ICBM SPOS, AND "OTHER" ACTIVITIES. THE SPACE SPOS, RESPONSIBLE FOR DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, ACQUISITION, TEST AND LAUNCH, INCLUDE 1,240 MILITARY, 1,190, 25- -- 1,190 CIVILIANS, 2,590 AEROSPACE CORPORATION, AND 190 SETA CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL.

THE "OTHER" ACTIVITIES OF SSD, INCLUDING THE MILSTAR JOINT PROGRAM OFFICE, OTHER ADVANCED AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS, THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION LABORATORIES, AND VARIOUS BASE OPERATING SUPPORT, EMPLOY 510 MILITARY, 250 CIVILIANS, AND 1,590 AEROSPACE CORPORATION PERSONNEL.

FINALLY, THE BMO ICBM SPOS MANAGE BALLISTIC MISSILE SYSTEMS AND SUBSYSTEM ACQUISITION PROGRAMS. THIS SPO ALSO PERFORMS THE ADVANCED STRATEGIC MISSILE TRI-SERVICE REQUIREMENTS AND HAS 660 MILITARY, 570 CIVILIAN,

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AND 1,300 SETA CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL.

THE BASIC PROPOSAL OR ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS ARE BASED ON A CONSTRUCTION AND RELOCATION SCHEDULE BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 1993 AND CONTINUING UNTIL FISCAL YEAR 1996. HOWEVER, DUE TO THE COMPLEXITY OF THE PROGRAM AND AVAILABLE RELOCATION RESOURCES, THE PERSONNEL AND CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULES COULD EXTEND BEYOND THAT PERIOD.

THE PROPOSED ACTION IS TO TOTALLY CLOSE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE, CLOSE BMO FACILITIES AT SAN BERNARDINO, AND RELOCATE SSD-LOS ANGELES AND SSD-SAN BERNARDINO TO ONE OF THE FOUR LOCATIONS.

SSD SUPPORT UNITS CURRENTLY AT LOS ANGELES AND SAN BERNARDINO THAT DUPLICATE UNITS EXISTING AT THE RELOCATION INSTALLATION WOULD BE INACTIVATED.

THE CLOSURE OF SSD-LOS ANGELES FACILITIES WOULD INVOLVE APPROXIMATELY 1,760 MILITARY AND 6,385 CIVILIANS, AND THERE ARE FIVE TENANT LOCATIONS THAT WOULD NOT MOVE AND WOULD RELOCATE WITHIN THE LOS ANGELES AREA.

THE CLOSURE OF SSD-SAN BERNARDINO FACILITIES WOULD INVOLVE APPROXIMATELY 660 MILITARY AND 1,870 CIVILIAN PERSONNEL.

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LET US NOW LOOK AT THE GEOGRAPHIC SETTING OF THE BASES UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR THE RELOCATION. THEY INCLUDE VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE; MARCH AIR FORCE BASE; PETERSON AND FALCON AIR FORCE BASES IN COLORADO, CONSIDERED AS ONE RELOCATION OPTION; OR KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE IN NEW MEXICO.

FIVE ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED ACTION ARE CONSIDERED IN THIS EIS. THE ALTERNATIVES ARE NUMBERED IN THE DOCUMENT AND IN THIS PRESENTATION; HOWEVER, THEIR ORDER SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED TO IMPLY ANY KIND OF RANKING OR PRIORITIZATION OF THE ALTERNATIVES.

THE FIRST ALTERNATIVE IS SIMILAR TO THE BASIC PROPOSAL, BUT WHILE WITH THE SSD-LOS ANGELES OPERATIONS WOULD BE RELOCATED TO ONE OF THE CANDIDATE LOCATIONS, THE SSD-SAN BERNARDINO OPERATION WOULD NOT MOVE.

THE SECOND ALTERNATIVE WOULD CLOSE CERTAIN AREAS OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND RELOCATE PORTIONS OF SSD-L.A. AND ALL OF SSD-S.B., BUT WOULD NOT RELOCATE THE "OTHER" SPOS.

THE THIRD ALTERNATIVE WOULD CLOSE ONLY THE BMO FACILITIES IN SAN BERNARDINO AND RELOCATE SSD-SAN BERNARDINO TO ONE OF THE FOUR LOCATIONS.

THE FOURTH ALTERNATIVE CONSIDERS ONLY THE

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RELOCATION OF 1,000 PERSONNEL FROM SSD WITH NO FACILITY CLOSURE AT EITHER EL SEGUNDO OR SAN BERNARDINO.

THE FIFTH ALTERNATIVE WOULD CLOSE ALL OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND RELOCATE SSD-LOS ANGELES TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, BUT WOULD LEAVE THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION INTACT IN EL SEGUNDO AND SSD-SAN BERNARDINO INTACT AT SAN BERNARDINO.

THE LAST ALTERNATIVE IS NO ACTION. SSD-LOS ANGELES AND SSD-SAN BERNARDINO WOULD REMAIN IN THEIR EXISTING FACILITIES.

THE PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES ONE, TWO, THREE AND FIVE ARE CONTINGENT UPON SPECIAL LEGISLATION PERMITTING THE AIR FORCE TO DISPOSE OF THE GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AND USE THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH SALE TO OFFSET THE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CLOSURE.

THE UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 10, SECTION 2687, THE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ACT, REQUIRES THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE STUDY THE LOCAL ECONOMIC, OPERATIONAL, STRATEGIC, FISCAL, BUDGETARY AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED CLOSURE. THESE STUDIES ARE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY AND WILL BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS AS PART OF THE DECISION PACKAGE.

TAKING A LOOK AT EACH ONE OF THESE

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STUDIES: THE LOCAL ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES STUDY WILL EXAMINE THE DIRECT PAYROLL LOSS ON THE EL SEGUNDO AND LOS ANGELES COMMUNITIES AND THE SECONDARY EFFECT ON LOCAL BUSINESSES OCCASIONED BY THE LOSS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL, DEPENDENTS AND CIVILIANS. IN ADDITION, THE STUDY WILL FOCUS ON THE EFFECTS ON THE LOCAL REAL ESTATE MARKET, AND INDUSTRIES THAT MAY MOVE BECAUSE OF THE RELOCATION OF SSD. ALSO, PROJECTED GROWTH IN THE COMMUNITY AND REUSE OF THE AFFECTED PROPERTY WILL BE CONSIDERED.

THE STRATEGIC STUDY WILL ADDRESS THE EFFECT OF REDUCING CONVENTIONAL, STRATEGIC AND SPACE SYSTEMS AS THE THREAT TO NATIONAL SECURITY IS REDUCED.

AN OPERATIONAL STUDY WILL ADDRESS THE EFFECT OF RELOCATING SSD, INCLUDING BMO, IF THE DECISION IS MADE TO CLOSE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND THE BMO FACILITIES AT NORTON. IT WILL EXAMINE ALL TENANT AND JOINT SERVICE MISSION CHANGES RESULTING FROM A CLOSURE AND RELOCATION DECISION.

THE BUDGETARY STUDY WILL DETERMINE CURRENT-YEAR PROGRAMMED DOLLAR COSTS AND DOLLARS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RELOCATION OF SSD AND INACTIVATION OR RELOCATION OF ASSOCIATED

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OPERATIONAL AND SUPPORT UNITS.

FINALLY, THE FISCAL STUDY WILL USE THE BUDGET EVALUATION TO ANALYZE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE COSTS AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RELOCATION OF SED. COSTS OF CLOSING AND SAVINGS WILL BE DETAILED THROUGH A LIFE CYCLE COST MODEL.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION. I WOULD NOW LIKE TO TURN THE MEETING BACK TO COL. MORRISON.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU. NOW I'D LIKE TO PRESENT MAJ. MARY VROMAN FROM THE AIR FORCE REGIONAL CIVIL ENGINEER OFFICE, NORTON AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA. MAJ. VROMAN WILL PRESENT AN OVERVIEW ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS PROCESS, DISCUSS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE LOCAL ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES STUDY AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS PROCESS, AND PRESENT THE RESULTS OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. MAJ. VROMAN?

MAJ. VROMAN: THANK YOU, SIR.

GOOD EVENING. OUR ORGANIZATION IS CONDUCTING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS FOR THIS PROPOSAL, AS WELL AS OTHER PROPOSED CLOSURES AND REALIGNMENTS ANNOUNCED BY THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ON JANUARY 29TH OF THIS YEAR.

I WILL PRESENT THE SCHEDULE FOR THIS

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS PROCESS, AND SHOW HOW THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FITS INTO THIS SCHEDULE. I WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE SCOPE OF THE STUDY, AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL ECONOMIC STUDY BEING PREPARED TO ADDRESS THE POTENTIAL ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF RELOCATING THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE. LAST, I WILL PRESENT THE RESULTS OF OUR ANALYSIS BY RESOURCE CATEGORY AND CONCLUDE WITH A SUMMARY OF THE POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS.

THIS EFFORT WAS INITIATED ON FEBRUARY 9TH, 1990, WITH THE PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER OF TWO NOTICES OF INTENT TO PREPARE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS. THE NOTICES INDICATED THAT LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE WOULD BE STUDIED FOR CLOSURE AND THAT SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AND APPROPRIATE SUPPORTING UNITS WOULD BE STUDIED FOR RELOCATION. OUR DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ANALYZES BOTH THE CLOSURE AND RELOCATION ACTIONS. FOLLOWING THE NOTICES OF INTENT, SCOPING MEETINGS WERE HELD TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT ON THE SCOPE OF ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND TO IDENTIFY THE SIGNIFICANT ISSUES RELATED TO

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THE PROPOSED ACTION. THE SCOPING MEETING FOR MARCH AIR FORCE BASE WAS HELD HERE IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MARCH 29TH, 1990.

SUBSEQUENT TO SCOPING THE ISSUES FOR STUDY, WE COLLECTED THE NECESSARY DATA AND CONDUCTED THE ANALYSIS WHICH SUPPORTS THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ON AUGUST 3RD, 1990. IN ADDITION TO TONIGHT'S PUBLIC HEARING, PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WILL ALSO BE HELD IN OTHER COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OR RELOCATION. PUBLIC HEARINGS WERE HELD ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY OF THIS WEEK IN EL SEGUNDO, LOMPOC AND SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA, FOR LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE, VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, AND THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION. PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR OTHER PROSPECTIVE RELOCATION BASES ARE SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO, FOR PETERSON AND FALCON AIR FORCE BASES, AND IN ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, FOR KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE.

WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 24TH, 1990. AFTER THE COMMENT

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PERIOD IS OVER, WE WILL EVALUATE ALL COMMENTS, BOTH WRITTEN AND ORAL, AND PERFORM ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS OR CHANGE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WHERE NECESSARY. AGAIN, AS IN THE SCOPING PROCESS, EQUAL CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL COMMENTS, WHETHER THEY ARE PRESENTED HERE TONIGHT OR RECEIVED BY MAIL PRIOR TO THE END OF THE COMMENT PERIOD. ONCE THE PROCESS IS COMPLETE, WE WILL PRODUCE A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN EARLY DECEMBER 1990. THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WILL BE MAILED TO ALL THOSE ON THE DRAFT EIS DISTRIBUTION LIST. THE FINAL EIS WILL INCLUDE COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD, AND OUR RESPONSES TO THOSE COMMENTS. DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER AND DIVERSITY OF COMMENTS, OR THE NEED TO CONDUCT ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS, THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT MAY CONSIST OF A COVER LETTER AND ERRATA SHEETS, A SEPARATE VOLUME AS A COMPANION TO THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, OR BE AN ENTIRELY NEW DOCUMENT. THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WILL SERVE AS INPUT FOR THE RECORD OF DECISION, WHICH WILL DOCUMENT THE DECISION BY THE AIR FORCE. OTHER STUDIES, AS DESCRIBED EARLIER BY COL. BOGY, AND CONSIDERATION OF OTHER ISSUES

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BESIDES THOSE ADDRESSED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT OR IN THOSE OTHER STUDIES WILL ENTER INTO THE FINAL DECISION OF WHETHER OR NOT TO PROCEED WITH THIS PROPOSAL. WE EXPECT TO ACCOMPLISH THE RECORD OF DECISION IN EARLY JANUARY OF 1991.

THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WAS *PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONAL* ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT AND THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REGULATIONS. EFFORTS WERE MADE TO REDUCE NEEDLESS BULK, WRITE IN PLAIN LANGUAGE, FOCUS ON ONLY THOSE ISSUES WHICH ARE CLEARLY RELATED TO THE ENVIRONMENT, AND TO INTEGRATE WITH OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRED AS PART OF THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. THE DOCUMENT FOCUSES ON IMPACTS TO *THE NATURAL AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT* WHICH MAY OCCUR AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE BASE CLOSURE OR RELOCATION ACTIONS: IMPACTS WHICH OCCUR INDIRECTLY THROUGH CHANGES IN THE COMMUNITY; OR IN THE HANDLING OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND WASTE. THE DOCUMENT ALSO EVALUATES GEOLOGY AND SOILS, WATER -- BOTH SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER -- AIR QUALITY, NOISE, BIOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES. INDIRECT CHANGES TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES THAT PROVIDED MEASURES AGAINST WHICH ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS COULD BE ANALYZED INCLUDED CHANGES TO

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POPULATION, LAND USE AND AESTHETICS, TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNITY UTILITY SERVICES. IN ADDITION, ISSUES RELATED TO CURRENT AND FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND WASTE ARE DISCUSSED IN THE DOCUMENT. IF IT WAS DETERMINED THAT SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS WOULD OCCUR BECAUSE OF BASE CLOSURE OR THE RELOCATION ACTION, POTENTIAL MITIGATION MEASURES WERE IDENTIFIED AND ARE INCLUDED IN THE DOCUMENT.

AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, THIS DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOCUSES ON THE IMPACTS TO THE NATURAL AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT BROUGHT ABOUT, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, BY THE POTENTIAL CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. THE DOCUMENT ADDRESSES SOCIOECONOMIC IMPACTS OF BASE CLOSURE OR RELOCATION ONLY IF THEY RESULT IN IMPACTS TO THE NATURAL AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT. EARLIER, COL. BOGY DESCRIBED THE OTHER STUDIES BEING CONDUCTED AS PART OF THE BASE CLOSURE PROCESS. IN ADDITION TO THESE STUDIES, THE AIR FORCE HAS DECIDED TO CONDUCT WHAT WE HAVE TERMED SUPPLEMENTAL ECONOMIC STUDIES. THESE STUDIES ARE *INTENDED TO ANALYZE THE POTENTIAL ECONOMIC IMPACTS* TO THE COMMUNITIES BEING CONSIDERED AS SITES FOR THE RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. AREAS

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TO BE ADDRESSED IN EACH STUDY WILL INCLUDE POPULATION, EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME, COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES, AND FISCAL AND FINANCIAL IMPACTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES. THE AIR FORCE WILL CONSULT WITH KEY STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS DURING THE PREPARATION OF THESE STUDIES. THIS STUDY WILL ALSO BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS IN JANUARY 1991 IN TIME TO MEET THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR '92 BUDGET SUBMITTAL.

I WOULD NOW LIKE TO DISCUSS THE RESULTS REPORTED IN THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. OUR DISCUSSION TONIGHT WILL CENTER ON THE IMPACTS EXPECTED IN THE MARCH AIR FORCE BASE AREA IF IT WERE CHOSEN AS THE HOST BASE FOR RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. THE DOCUMENT CONCLUDED THERE WOULD BE CHANGES TO COMMUNITIES THAT COULD AFFECT THE NATURAL AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT, AND THAT ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND WASTE WOULD BE USED, PRODUCED AND DISPOSED OF. IN ADDITION, VARIOUS IMPACTS, INCLUDING THE POTENTIAL FOR SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACTS TO THE NATURAL AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT, WERE IDENTIFIED.

A FULL RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AS DESCRIBED IN THE PROPOSED ACTION WOULD CAUSE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN COMMUNITIES

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SURROUNDING MARCH AIR FORCE BASE:

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION BY THE END OF 1996 WOULD RESULT IN AN ANNUAL INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY $500 MILLION IN TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME. THE PROPOSED ACTION IS EXPECTED TO GENERATE A PEAK OF APPROXIMATELY 30,000 DIRECT AND INDIRECT JOBS IN 1995, AND THEN DECLINE TO APPROXIMATELY 18,000 JOBS IN 1997. POPULATION IMMIGRATION IS EXPECTED TO PEAK AT 31,000 IN 1995. THE PERMANENT POPULATION INCREASE IS PROJECTED TO BE APPROXIMATELY 22,000 PEOPLE, WITH 5,500 MILITARY PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS LIVING ON BASE AND THE REMAINING 16,500 LIVING OFF BASE.

LAND USE CHANGES FROM THE RELOCATION ACTION WOULD DEPEND ON POSSIBLE FUTURE AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL LAND USE PLANS AND ZONING ORDINANCES.

VEHICLE TRAFFIC IN THE VICINITY OF THE PROJECT SITES WOULD INCREASE, ESPECIALLY DURING PEAK TRAFFIC HOURS. THESE INCREASES WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO A DECREASED LEVEL OF SERVICE ON SEVERAL OF THE ROADS AND STREETS SERVING THE BASE. DURING PEAK TRAFFIC HOURS, EXISTING CONGESTED CONDITIONS WOULD WORSEN ON SEVERAL AREA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS, INCLUDING PARTS OF INTERSTATE 215, ALESSANDRO BOULEVARD, VAN BUREN

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BOULEVARD, C[illegible] AVENUE, GRAHAM STREET AND TRAUTMEIN AVENUE.

ANTICIPATE AN ADDITION OF UP TO 80,000 ARRIVING AND DEPARTING PASSENGERS AT THE ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. THIS ADDITION WOULD INCREASE PASSENGER LEVELS BY ABOUT TWO PERCENT ABOVE CURRENT LEVELS IN 1997. THIS GROWTH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PROPOSED FUTURE INCREASES IN PASSENGER TRAFFIC FORECAST FOR THE AIRPORT.

THE RELOCATION OF SSD TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE WOULD INCREASE LOCAL DEMANDS FOR POTABLE WATER, WASTEWATER TREATMENT, NATURAL GAS, ELECTRICITY AND SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL. THE EASTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, WHICH SERVES MORENO VALLEY, PERRIS AND MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, WOULD NEED TO INCREASE AVAILABLE WATER SUPPLIES TO MEET BOTH PROJECTED GROWTH IN THE AREA AND THE EXPECTED REQUIREMENTS DUE TO THE PROPOSED ACTION. OTHER AREA WATER SYSTEMS ARE EXPECTED TO HANDLE THE GROWTH WITHIN EXISTING CAPACITIES.

THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM CAPACITIES IN MORENO VALLEY, PERRIS AND AT MARCH AIR FORCE BASE ARE EXPECTED TO REQUIRE FURTHER INCREASES TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROPOSED ACTION AS WELL AS PROJECTED INCREASING DEMANDS IN THE AREA. CAPACITY EXISTS TO SUPPLY THE ENERGY

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REQUIREMENTS DUE TO THE PROPOSED ACTION. SOLID WASTE GENERATION IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY APPROXIMATELY 43 TONS PER DAY IN THE RIVERSIDE, MORENO VALLEY, PERRIS AND MARCH AIR FORCE BASE AREAS. THIS INCREASE CAN BE HANDLED BY LOCAL WASTE FACILITIES, BUT MAY IMPACT THE CITIES' ABILITY TO COMPLY WITH THE CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1989, WHICH REQUIRES COMMUNITIES TO REDUCE THEIR OVERALL SOLID WASTE GENERATION.

IN THE AREA OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND WASTE, THE RELOCATION OF SSD TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE WOULD INCREASE THE USE AND STORAGE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND THE GENERATION OF HAZARDOUS WASTE. THESE INCREASES ARE DUE IN PART TO BASE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES, AND IN PART TO THE LABORATORY OPERATIONS OF THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION. EXISTING HAZARDOUS MATERIAL AND WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR MARCH AIR FORCE BASE WOULD BE MODIFIED TO ADDRESS THESE INCREASES.

IMPACTS TO THE NATURAL AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

WE EXPECT NO IMPACT ON GEOLOGICAL RESOURCES UNDERLYING THE BASE. SOIL LOSSES FROM EROSION WILL BE MINIMIZED THROUGH THE USE OF

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STANDARD CONSTRUCTION PRACTICES AND MITIGATION PLANS.

FOR WATER RESOURCES, LITTLE IMPACT IS EXPECTED ON THE GROUND OR SURFACE WATER RESOURCES IN THE MARCH AIR FORCE BASE AREA. MUCH OF THE UTILITY WATER SUPPLY IN THE AREA COMES FROM OUTSIDE THE REGION, FROM MANY OF THE SAME SOURCES WHICH SUPPLY THE EL SEGUNDO AREA WHERE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION IS CURRENTLY LOCATED. WHILE THERE MAY BE SOME INCREASE IN LOCAL GROUNDWATER DEMAND, THIS WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THESE RESOURCES. SURFACE WATER RUNOFF IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE AS A RESULT OF ADDITIONAL PAVED AND COVERED AREAS; HOWEVER, THIS INCREASE IS NOT EXPECTED TO ADVERSELY IMPACT SURFACE WATER RESOURCES.

DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE, INCREASED EMISSIONS OF PARTICULATE MATTER AND OTHER POLLUTANTS WOULD OCCUR, BUT WOULD BE SHORT-TERM AND NOT SIGNIFICANT. EMISSIONS FOR BOTH STATIONARY AND MOBILE SOURCES WOULD OCCUR DURING THE OPERATIONS PHASE.

BASED ON MODELING, INCREASED VEHICLE TRAFFIC NEAR THE PROJECT SITES COULD EXCEED THE STATE CARBON MONOXIDE STANDARD. BECAUSE THE REGION IS A NONATTAINMENT AREA FOR SEVERAL FEDERAL

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AND STATE AMBIENT FEDERAL QUALITY STANDARDS, PROJECT EMISSIONS WOULD HAVE A LONG-TERM SIGNIFICANT IMPACT. PROJECT-RELATED EMISSIONS OF HYDROCARBONS AND OXIDES OF NITROGEN, BOTH PRECURSORS IN OZONE FORMATION, COULD DELAY THE ACHIEVEMENT OF ATTAINMENT STATUS.

SHORT-TERM INCREASES IN NOISE LEVELS ARE EXPECTED IN THE PROJECT AREAS DUE TO FACILITY CONSTRUCTION, BUT THESE INCREASES ARE NOT EXPECTED TO BE SIGNIFICANT DUE TO THE SEPARATION OF MOST PROJECT SITES FROM SENSITIVE RECEPTORS. WE ALSO EXPECT SLIGHT, LONG-TERM INCREASES IN NOISE LEVELS OF LESS THAN THREE DECIBELS DUE TO INCREASES IN VEHICLE TRAFFIC. GIVEN CURRENT TRAFFIC VOLUMES, THIS INCREASE IS NOT EXPECTED TO RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT NOISE LEVEL INCREASES.

THE PROPOSED ACTION IS NOT EXPECTED TO HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS ON VEGETATION, WETLANDS OR WILDLIFE RESOURCES IN THE AREA. HOWEVER, THE STEPHEN'S KANGAROO RAT, A FEDERALLY-LISTED ENDANGERED SPECIES, INHABITS LARGE PORTIONS OF WEST MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, WHICH IS THE AREA OF THE BASE WHICH LIES WEST OF INTERSTATE 215. PROJECT SITES ONE AND TWO AND THE PROPOSED HOUSING AREA ARE LOCATED ON WEST MARCH IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7 OF THE ENDANGERED

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SPECIES ACT, THE AIR FORCE IS CONDUCTING A BIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT ON THIS SPECIES FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE. THE ASSESSMENT AND FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE WILL BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE RECORD OF DECISION. THE IMPACTS TO THE KANGAROO RAT WHICH ARE CURRENTLY BEING ASSESSED CONCERN THE DESTRUCTION OF HABITAT AND THE GENETIC ISOLATION OF THE SPECIES.

NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS TO CULTURAL RESOURCES ARE EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF THE PROPOSED ACTION.

THE ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS, AS DESCRIBED EARLIER BY COL. BOGY, GENERALLY INVOLVE PARTIAL RELOCATIONS OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION WHICH, IN ALL CASES, INVOLVE FEWER PEOPLE AND LESS CONSTRUCTION THAN THE PROPOSED ACTION. IN GENERAL, THESE ALTERNATIVES RESULT IN CHANGES TO THE ENVIRONMENT THAT ARE EQUAL TO OR LESS ADVERSE THAN THE CHANGES ASSOCIATED WITH THE FULL RELOCATION ACTION.

IN CLOSING, LET ME REMIND YOU THAT THE STUDY IS IN A DRAFT STAGE. OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE AIR FORCE DECISION MAKERS WITH ACCURATE INFORMATION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES OF THIS PROPOSAL. TO DO THIS, TONIGHT WE ARE

SOLICITING YOUR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. THIS INFORMATION, COUPLED WITH THE OTHER STUDIES DISCUSSED BY COL. BOGY, WILL SUPPORT INFORMED AIR FORCE DECISION MAKING.

THANK YOU.

COL. MORRISON: IN A MOMENT, WE WILL MOVE INTO THE MAIN PORTION OF THE MEETING, WHICH IS THE PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD. I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU OF A COUPLE OF POINTS. FIRST, PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO FIVE MINUTES SO THAT EVERYONE CAN BE HEARD. AND, ALSO, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU STATE YOUR NAME CLEARLY FOR THE RECORD BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR STATEMENT. IF YOU HAVE BROUGHT A PREPARED STATEMENT, YOU MAY TURN IT IN, READ IT OUT LOUD, OR DO BOTH. WE HAVE A BOX UP THERE NEAR THE PODIUM FOR WRITTEN STATEMENTS. WRITTEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS WILL ALSO BECOME PART OF THE HEARING RECORD, AND EQUAL CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO YOUR COMMENTS WHETHER YOU SPEAK TONIGHT OR PROVIDE WRITTEN COMMENTS. IF YOU TURN IN WRITTEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS, I WOULD ASK YOU TO PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON THEM.

AGAIN, THE PURPOSE OF THIS HEARING TONIGHT IS TO SOLICIT INPUT FROM PUBLIC AGENCIES,

PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. THE AIR FORCE REPRESENTATIVES GATHERED HERE TONIGHT ARE NOT THE DECISION MAKERS IN THIS PROPOSED ACTION. THEY HAVE PROVIDED YOU INFORMATION ON THE PROCESS AND ARE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS YOU HAVE ON THE PROJECT; HOWEVER, WE CANNOT ENTER INTO A DEBATE ON THE PROS AND CONS OF THE PROPOSED ACTION. ALSO, REMEMBER THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO SOLICIT INPUT ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, SO PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSALS. AND TO AVOID REPETITION AND TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK, I WOULD ASK YOU TO AVOID REPETITIVE STATEMENTS. IF YOU AGREE WITH THE COMMENTS OF AN EARLIER SPEAKER, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOU SIMPLY SO INDICATE.

WHAT WE WILL DO -- WHAT WE WILL DO NOW IS BEGIN THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD. AND OUR FIRST SPEAKER TONIGHT WILL BE CONGRESSMAN MC CANDLESS, AND HE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY MR. NORTON YOUNGLOVE. CONGRESSMAN MC CANDLESS.

CONGRESSMAN MC CANDLESS: GOOD EVENING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THIS

REVIEW BOARD IN THAT WE NEED TO CLARIFY A COUPLE OF POINTS WITHIN THE CALIFORNIA DELEGATION, PARTICULARLY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, IN THAT CERTAIN COMMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES THAT THOSE OF US EAST OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES ARE PIRATING AWAY FROM BOTH FACILITIES THAT PROVIDE JOBS AND ECONOMIC BASES WITHIN THEIR DISTRICTS.

AND I WOULD SAY TO YOU AND THE AUDIENCE PRESENT, THIS IS NOT THE INTENT OF THE MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE INLAND EMPIRE AREA, OF WHICH I HAPPEN TO BE ONE REPRESENTING THE 37TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, MOST OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY, INCLUDING MARCH AIR FORCE BASE.

WE ARE TAKING THE POSITION THAT IF IT IS THE DECISION OF THE AIR FORCE TO MAKE A MOVE, WHATEVER THAT MOVE MAY BE, THAT IT SHOULD BE THE AIR FORCE'S DECISION, NOT A POLITICAL DECISION BASED UPON WHICH MEMBER OF CONGRESS HAS THE GREATEST CLOUT.

I AM A GREAT BELIEVER IN THE FACT THAT THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF THE BASE CLOSURE PROGRAM AND THE REORIENTATION OF FACILITIES IS TO BRING THE COSTS OF THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT DOWN. THAT IS THE PURPOSE, AND THAT'S WHY I'M HERE. AND I APPLAUD THIS COMMITTEE AND THOSE THAT THEY WILL REPORT TO

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FOR WHAT ACTION THEY MAY TAKE, HOPEFULLY, OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE RATHER THAN A POLITICAL NATURE.

NOW, HAVING SAID THAT ABOUT MY COLLEAGUES, LET ME SHARE WITH YOU A COUPLE OF THOUGHTS RELATIVE TO THE AREA IN WHICH THE EXISTING BASE IS CURRENTLY SITUATED, AND WHAT I PERCEIVE TO BE AN ECONOMIC RESPONSE TO WHAT IT IS THAT THE BASE MOVEMENT MIGHT TAKE PLACE FROM MY COLLEAGUES.

1.12 FIRST, THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION AND ITS LOCATION IS OF PRIME VALUE. THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION AND THE IMPROVEMENTS ARE OF LONGSTANDING NATURE WITH AN ASSESSED VALUATION OF VIRTUALLY NOTHING, BECAUSE IT'S GOVERNMENT-OWNED PROPERTY.

THOSE WHO ADDRESS YOU IN TERMS OF STATE AND LOCAL TAXES ARE VERY IN TUNE TO THE COST OF HAVING GOVERNMENT FACILITIES, BECAUSE THE LAND DOES NOT HAVE A LAND TAX BASE TO IT.

NOW, MY COLLEAGUES COULD TAKE A POSITION SOMETHING LIKE THIS: LET'S SEE THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT FUNCTION. IF THAT FUNCTION DETERMINES THAT THEY WANT TO MOVE, SO BE IT. THAT PROPERTY COULD BE SOLD TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR. IMPROVEMENTS OR DEMOLITION AND ACCRUED FACILITIES COULD BE BUILT WHICH WOULD HAVE AN IMMEDIATE TAX BASE TO THE CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THAT TAX BASE

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AND THE IMPROVEMENTS WOULD BRING EMPLOYMENT THAT WOULD EQUAL THAT LOST BY THE MOVE.

AND SO FROM MY PERSPECTIVE AND MY POINT OF VIEW, I DO NOT SEE THE ISSUE AS BEING VALID THAT WE WOULD LOSE JOBS AND WE WOULD LOSE VARIOUS AND SUNDRY OTHER THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN A PART OF THE PRESENTATION MADE BY THE COMMITTEE.

1.12 THAT MOVE WOULD BE REPLACED BY THE AREAS AND THE ELEMENTS UNDER WHICH I HAVE VERY BRIEFLY RELATED TO. A WHOLE NEW STRUCTURE, WHICH INCLUDES A LAND USE TAX BASE OF SIGNIFICANT NATURE IN A PRIME AREA, OF WHICH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COULD ACHIEVE A MAJOR PORTION OF ITS INVESTMENT IN THE NEW FACILITIES.

IN THE ADDRESSING OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS THAT THE MAJOR TALKED ABOUT, I WOULD STATE THAT IN THE BASE CLOSURE ACT WHICH TOOK PLACE RECENTLY, MARCH AIR FORCE BASE WAS GIVEN $109 MILLION TO IMPROVE PRIMARY INFRASTRUCTURE ELEMENTS. THAT WILL TAKE PLACE WHETHER THIS MOVE IS A REALITY OR NOT.

3.25 SO SUCH THINGS AS IMPROVED ROADS, EXPANDING UTILITIES, ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, VEHICLE MAINTENANCE, PERSONNEL FACILITIES, CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS, ALL PART OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THIS, ARE ALL ADDRESSED UNDER THE BASE

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CLOSURE COMMISSION, AND WHAT THEY ARE ALOTTING TO. THE IMPROVEMENT OF MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, WHICH

3.25 WOULD BE A NATURAL BEGINNING POINT UPON WHICH TO BUILD THE PROCESS THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT HERE UNDER YOUR ALTERNATE FIVE.

ONE OF THE KEY ELEMENTS THAT WE HAVE HERE IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY IS THE LARGE NUMBER OF NEW MOVE-INS FROM ORANGE COUNTY AND LOS ANGELES. AND A PROBLEM WITH THAT HAS DEVELOPED IN TERMS OF HOUSING AND THE OTHER ELEMENTS THAT ARE A PART OF A CITY OR A COUNTY GENERAL PLAN. AND I WOULD POINT OUT THAT IN THE CASE OF THE GOVERNMENTAL PROCESS AND ITS HOUSING, THE PRIVATE SECTOR FINANCING, UNDER 801 LEGISLATION, TO CONSTRUCT

4.39 MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING ON PRIVATE LAND WITHOUT COST TO THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL FOR THE MARCH AIR FORCE BASE FAMILIES. WE IN CONGRESS HAVE HAD A LITTLE BIT TO DO WITH THAT.

THIS HAS TAKEN PLACE IN THE CITY OF PERRIS ADJACENT TO THE BASE, AND IT INVOLVES SOME 200 UNITS FOR THE YOUNG ENLISTED MARRIED MEMBERS.

PRIVATE SECTOR FINANCING UNDER 2667 -- AND I SEE MY TIME IS UP -- HAS PROVIDED ADDITIONAL HOUSING OF 582 ADDITIONAL UNITS, AND THERE ARE TWO INCREMENTS OF 300 ADDITIONAL UNITS INVOLVED.

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AIR FORCE TO MAKE THIS MOVE, ALTERNATE FIVE, IN MY OPINION, IS THE BASIC UNIT NECESSARY, BECAUSE IT PLACES INTO THE AREA THE NECESSARY CHANGES BUT LEAVES THE SAN BERNARDINO AREA INTACT, WHICH IS A VERY EASY COMMUTE IN TERMS OF MOVEMENT BACK AND FORTH AND COMMUNICATION. 15.10

I THANK THE CHAIRMAN AND THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, CONGRESSMAN. THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. NORTON YOUNGLOVE, AND HE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY MAYOR TERRY FRIZZEL.

MR. YOUNGLOVE: THANK YOU AND GOOD EVENING. FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS NORTON YOUNGLOVE. I AM CHAIRMAN OF THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THIS EVENING, I AM ALSO SPEAKING IN MY CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY HABITAT CONSERVATION AGENCY, A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY.

FROM THE VANTAGE POINT AFFORDED ME BY THESE POSITIONS, I FEEL ADEQUATELY QUALIFIED TO ADDRESS SEVERAL AREAS OF CONCERN MENTIONED IN THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. THOSE AREAS ARE LAND AVAILABILITY, AIR QUALITY, AND ENDANGERED SPECIES. LATER IN THE EVENING, YOU WILL RECEIVE

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TECHNICAL COMMENTS REGARDING THESE ISSUES, AND SO MY COMMENTS WILL BE VERY BRIEF AND OF A MORE GENERAL NATURE.

AMONG THOSE PRESENTERS, YOU WILL HEAR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR RIVERSIDE COUNTY, GARY COTTRELL, ADDRESSING AVAILABLE RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LAND; TODD BEELER, DEPUTY PLANNING DIRECTOR OF THE COUNTY, SPEAKING ON JOBS-HOUSING BALANCE AND RIVERSIDE COUNTY'S AIR QUALITY ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN; BOB WALES, INTERIM CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, DISCUSSING ENDANGERED SPECIES; AND -- I BELIEVE HE'S HERE -- JACK BROADBERT, SPEAKING ON AIR QUALITY ISSUES AS A STAFF MEMBER OF THE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT.

AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, I WELCOME YOU TO RIVERSIDE COUNTY, WHICH, AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, IS THE FASTEST GROWING COUNTY IN THE STATE. IN ADDITION TO OUR EXCELLENT QUALITY OF LIFE, RIVERSIDE COUNTY AND THE ENTIRE INLAND EMPIRE OFFER A WIDE VARIETY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AS WELL AS A LARGE AMOUNT OF AVAILABLE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL LAND ALL IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE SITES. GIVEN REASONABLY PRICED HOUSES, THOSE FAMILIES RELOCATING TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE WILL HAVE AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOME

OWNERSHIP WITHOUT NEGATIVELY IMPACTING THE HOUSING MARKET. THOSE INDUSTRIES THAT MAY WISH TO LOCATE FACILITIES NEARBY WILL FIND REASONABLY PRICED AND PREPARED LAND READILY AVAILABLE.

SINCE THERE IS MUCH AVAILABLE LAND PLANNED AND PREPARED FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, OFF-BASE CONSTRUCTION IN SUPPORT OF SSD WILL BE EASILY ACCOMMODATED IN THE COMMUNITY WITHOUT NEGATIVE IMPACT.

IN CONSIDERING AIR QUALITY, I DO NOT AGREE WITH THE EIS CONCLUSION OF DEGRADED AIR QUALITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE RELOCATION OF SSD TO MARCH. RATHER, THERE WOULD ACTUALLY BE REDUCED EMISSIONS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES BECAUSE OF REDUCTION OF COMMUTING TIMES, DUE TO THE LARGE VOLUME OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY. FURTHER, WITH JOBS MOVING FROM WEST TO EAST, A NET IMPROVEMENT TO THE AIR BASE WILL OCCUR BECAUSE EMISSIONS WOULD HAVE LESS EXPOSURE TO SUNLIGHT AS THEY MOVE FROM THE COASTAL PLAIN TO WHERE WE ARE HERE AND OUT OF THE BASIN, AND THERE WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY FEWER PEOPLE IMPACTED DUE TO THE DOWNWIND LOCATION OF MARCH. ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT ADVANTAGE WOULD BE THE REDUCTION OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND, THUS, DECREASED POLLUTION IN THE VICINITY OF THE CURRENT SITE. ONE OF THE GOALS OF

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THE AIR QUALITY PLAN IS TO MOVE JOBS CLOSER TO HOMES IN RIVERSIDE AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES, THUS ELIMINATING LONG COMMUTES FROM THE WESTERN PORTION INTO THE REMAINDER OF THE BASIN.

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REGARDING THE EIS CONCERNS WITH ENDANGERED SPECIES AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES, RIVERSIDE COUNTY AND ITS CITIES HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN EFFORTS TO MITIGATE ADVERSE IMPACTS ON BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES. NOT ONLY WAS THE EFFORT RESULTED IN THE CREATION OF THE HABITAT CONSERVATION AGENCY -- MADE UP OF THE COUNTY AND THE AFFECTED CITIES, WHICH I MENTIONED EARLIER I CHAIRED -- TO PROTECT THE STEPHEN'S KANGAROO RAT, IN PARTICULAR, AND OTHER ENDANGERED SPECIES, IN GENERAL, THE COUNTY HAS ALSO PREPARED A FEDERAL MULTISPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN. ALTHOUGH THERE WILL BE SOME MITIGATION COSTS, THERE SHOULD BE NO NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE PRESERVATION OF THIS VERY SPECIAL GROUND SQUIRREL. THE PLAN CALLS FOR A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF GOVERNMENT TAKING AND THE SSD PROJECT CERTAINLY FITS WITHIN THIS.

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IN SUMMARY, THE COUNTY, CITIES AND OTHER AGENCIES ARE WORKING TO PERFECT AN ALREADY DESIRABLE QUALITY OF LIFE. SSD FAMILIES WILL FIND AFFORDABLE HOMES IN A PLEASANT LIFE ENVIRONMENT, VENDORS WILL DISCOVER REASONABLY PRICED INDUSTRIAL

LANDS, AIR QUALITY IN THE BASIN WILL IMPROVE, AND BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES WILL BE PROTECTED.

THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ATTEMPT TO ANSWER THEM.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. YOUNGLOVE.

MR. YOUNGLOVE: THANK YOU.

COL. MORRISON: THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MAYOR FRIZZEL, FOLLOWED BY MAYOR FORD FROM SAN JACINTO.

MAYOR FRIZZEL: GOOD EVENING. I AM TERRY FRIZZEL. I AM MAYOR OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE AND IT IS MY PLEASURE TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU TO RIVERSIDE THIS EVENING.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS YOUR FOURTH IN A SERIES OF PUBLIC HEARINGS AND IT IS OUR CITY'S PLEASURE TO HOST THIS IMPORTANT DISCUSSION.

I AM GOING TO CONCENTRATE MY REMARKS TO TWO AREAS. FIRST, THERE ARE REASONS FOR THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE'S SUPPORT FOR THE RELOCATION OF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE. SECOND, I WILL ADDRESS THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT.

I DO WANT TO REITERATE AND EMPHASIZE THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE'S SOLID SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED

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RELOCATION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. AS I UNDERSTAND THE PROPOSED ACTION, THIS RELOCATION IS NECESSARY TO REDUCE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SPENDING, ADDRESS IDENTIFIED PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LOS ANGELES AIR BASE, AND SUSTAIN THE MISSION OF THE SSD. 15.10

THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE RECOGNIZES THESE CONCERNS AND WE BELIEVE THAT MARCH AIR FORCE BASE WOULD OFFER A POSITIVE SOLUTION TO THESE PROBLEMS. THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE HAS ALWAYS HAD A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, AS WILL BE TESTIFIED BY OTHERS DURING THIS EVENING'S HEARING. EITHER ALTERNATIVES ONE OR FIVE OF THE EIS WOULD ACT TO PRESERVE A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF EXISTING JOBS AT THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION, AND BRING CONSIDERABLE NEW EMPLOYMENT TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE WHICH IS MUCH NEEDED IN THE AREA.

THE CITY SUPPORTS THE RELOCATION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS: AS I SAY, IT WILL BRING MUCH NEEDED JOB OPPORTUNITIES TO THE ENTIRE INLAND EMPIRE. THE NEW AND RELOCATED JOBS WILL HELP TO EASE THE JOBS-TO-HOUSING IMBALANCE THAT EXISTS IN OUR REGION. ADDED PAYROLL AND NEED FOR SUPPORT SERVICES WILL HAVE A MULTIPLIER EFFECT THAT WILL

CREATE ADDITIONAL INDIRECT EMPLOYMENT. THE DEMAND FOR INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL SUPPORT SPACE WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PLANNED AND EXISTING DEVELOPMENTS IN RIVERSIDE AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.

SINCE WE HAVE AMPLE RESIDENTS NOW COMMUTING TO THE LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTY AREAS, WE ARE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE THE GROWTH AND FUNCTIONS OF THE MISSION WITHOUT CREATING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS THAT CANNOT BE MITIGATED. IN FACT, THE MOVE TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE WOULD VERY MUCH IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR MANY.

THE CITY'S SUPPORT HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO OUR FEDERAL AND STATE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES, AND I AM SURE THAT MOST OF THEM -- OR ALL OF THEM, PROBABLY, ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH US. STAFF MEMBERS FROM THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE HAVE REVIEWED THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT REGARDING THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE. OUR ACTING CITY MANAGER, BOB WALES, AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE EXPERTS IN THE FIELDS OF ENDANGERED SPECIES, AIR QUALITY, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE WILL BE MAKING SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO THE DEIS THIS EVENING.

WE WILL ALSO BE PREPARING WRITTEN COMMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 24TH.

AND WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY THIS EVENING. WE DO APPRECIATE THE THOROUGHNESS OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND THE AIR FORCE'S POSITIVE CONSIDERATION OF OUR COMMENTS. AND WE DO THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MAYOR FRIZZEL. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MAYOR FORD FROM SAN JACINTO.

MAYOR FORD: GOOD EVENING, COLONEL MORRISON, MEMBERS OF THE PANEL, MAYOR FRIZZEL, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

I AM NOT HERE TO DO VERY MUCH TALKING ABOUT THE EIR OR THE IMPACTING AS FAR AS OUR AREA IS CONCERNED, BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE WELL TAKEN CARE OF BY THE MILITARY, BY THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, BY THE COUNTY.

WE ARE SOME 25 MILES AWAY, AND WE HAVE A LITTLE DIFFERENT VIEW CONCERNING YOUR COMING OR POSSIBLE COMING FROM THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION MOVING TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE.

WHEN THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION MOVES TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, THE CITY OF SAN JACINTO, AS WELL AS OTHER CITIES IN THE AREA, WILL BE HAPPY TO WELCOME THE PERSONNEL TO WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY. MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE SAID "IF AND WHEN." 15.10

BUT I AM TRYING TO BE VERY POSITIVE WHEN I SAY "WHEN." 15.10

SAN JACINTO IS A SMALL TOWN OF NEARLY 17,000 POPULATION WHERE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION EMPLOYEES AND FAMILIES CAN FIND QUALITY OF LIFE THAT IS UNIQUE IN MOST OF THE UNITED STATES. WE ARE APPROXIMATELY 25 MINUTES DRIVING TIME FROM MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, AND COMMUTING WILL BE GENERALLY TROUBLE-FREE.

SAN JACINTO IS A GROWING COMMUNITY, MOSTLY RESIDENTIAL, BUT WITH TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY FOR BALANCED COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

MOST OF OUR GROWTH HAS BEEN MASTER-PLANNED IN THE SAN JACINTO VALLEY, WHICH INCLUDES THE CITY OF HEMET. YOU WILL HEAR FROM THE VICE MAYOR, JIM QUINN, IN JUST A FEW MINUTES, ALSO.

THIS MASTER-PLANNED COMMUNITY IN SAN JACINTO HAS SET ASIDE ADEQUATE PARKS, RECREATION AREAS, AND SUCH THINGS AS IS NECESSARY FOR THE PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE MOVING INTO THE AREA, WHETHER IT'S SAN JACINTO, HEMET, PERRIS, MORENO VALLEY, BEAUMONT, OR WHEREVER IT MIGHT HAPPEN TO BE.

WE ALSO HAVE A VERY LARGE VALLEYWIDE PARK AND RECREATION FACILITY WHICH SERVES OUR

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ENTIRE VALLEY IN SAN JACINTO AND IS AN EXCELLENT AREA FOR SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE VERY YOUNG, AND INCLUDING THE SENIOR CITIZENS.

THE SAN JACINTO SCHOOL SYSTEM IS A QUALITY ONE THAT IS ALSO PLANNING FOR EXPANDED NUMBERS OF STUDENTS. NOT JUST FOR THIS PARTICULAR EXPANSION, BUT FOR OTHERS, BECAUSE WE ARE MOVING ALONG QUITE RAPIDLY AS FAR AS POPULATION IS CONCERNED.

THERE IS ONE NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPENING THIS FALL AND MORE ARE BEING PLANNED, ALONG WITH AN ADDITIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL AND ANOTHER HIGH SCHOOL IN THE FUTURE.

THE MEDIAN PRICE OF HOUSING IN THE SAN JACINTO AREA IS $120,000 TO ABOUT 140-, ACCORDING TO WHICH PORTION OF TOWN OR WHICH TOWN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT, WITH NEW HOUSING STARTING AT ANYWHERE FROM $90,000 AND UP TO THE 140'S IN MOST OF THE COMPLEXES, BUT GOING UP TO THE 170'S AND SO FORTH IN SOME OF THEM.

SAN JACINTO IS NOT THE ONLY CITY NEAR MARCH AIR FORCE BASE THAT CAN QUALIFY AS A QUALITY HOME PROVIDER AT REASONABLE PRICES, BUT WE ARE ALSO PART OF THE FRIENDLIEST VALLEY WHERE PEOPLE ENJOY OUR QUALITY AND STYLE OF LIFE.

IN FACT, TOMORROW, A CHANGE AS FAR AS THE

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STYLE OF LIFE OF MOST CITIES: I WILL BE GOING, ALONG WITH MEMBERS OF MY COUNCIL, TO A CELEBRATION TOMORROW IN THE CITY OF HEMET, BECAUSE IN THE CITY OF HEMET, MAYOR KEN HASHIMO AND HIS WIFE, ICO, AND VICE MAYOR JIM QUINN AND HIS WIFE, MARJORIE, ARE BOTH CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES.

SO WE ARE A FRIENDLY VALLEY, AND WE WOULD WELCOME ALL OF THE EXCESS PEOPLE THAT YOU WOULD SEND DOWN TO OUR VALLEY. WE HOPE THAT THE SPACE SYSTEM DIVISION PERSONNEL WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO LOOK US OVER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MAYOR FORD. WHAT I WILL DO NOW IS I WILL GIVE OUR COURT REPORTER A MINUTE TO CHANGE HER PAPER, AND THEN THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. MICHAEL WOOTTON.

MR. WOOTTON: COLONEL, MEMBERS OF THE HEARING PANEL, I AM MICHAEL WOOTTON, STATE DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA STAFF OF U.S. SENATOR PETE WILSON. I APPRECIATE, ONCE AGAIN, THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT A STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF SENATOR WILSON FOR THIS HEARING PANEL THIS EVENING.

SENATOR WILSON'S LETTER OF JUNE THE 26TH TO THE HONORABLE DONALD D. RICE, SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, OUTLINES THE SENATOR'S VIEWS CONCERNING

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THE PROPOSED RELOCATION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION, AND I HAVE INCLUDED A COPY OF THAT LETTER FOR YOUR REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION AND FOR THE RECORD THIS EVENING.

IN THE INTEREST OF THE HEARING PANEL'S TIME, I WILL BRIEFLY DESCRIBE SENATOR WILSON'S VIEWS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED RELOCATION. SIMPLY STATED, SENATOR WILSON IS VERY SKEPTICAL AND DOUBTFUL THAT ANY SUBSTANTIAL BUDGETARY BENEFIT AND TAXPAYER COST SAVINGS CAN BE AFFECTED IN AND DEMONSTRATED BY ANY RELOCATION. 1.1

AS SENATOR WILSON NOTES IN HIS LETTER TO SECRETARY RICE, AND I QUOTE, "BECAUSE THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT MUST STRUGGLE WITH THE DAUNTING TASK OF REDUCING OR ELIMINATING MAJOR WEAPON AND SHIP SYSTEMS, AS WELL AS SLASHING ITS PERSONNEL LEVELS, THE EXPENDITURE OF VALUABLE TIME AND MONEY TO UNDERTAKE A MAJOR RELOCATION OF SSD WOULD BE LUDICROUS."

CONGRESS WOULD SERIOUSLY QUESTION THE ABILITY OF THE AIR FORCE TO ESTABLISH SPENDING PRIORITIES THAT WILL ADVANCE U.S. SECURITY INTERESTS OVER THE NEXT DECADE IF IT PROPOSES TO UPROOT THE HIGHLY SOPHISTIFICATED MANPOWER AND R & D ASSETS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATED WITH SSD.

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THE AIR FORCE COST ESTIMATE TO REMOVE SSD FROM CALIFORNIA, FOR EXAMPLE, APPROACHES 40 PERCENT OF THE PEACEKEEPER MISSILE FUNDING REQUEST. IT ALSO FAR EXCEEDS THE REVISED COST FOR ONE B-2 BOMBER, EQUALS THE PRICE OF 15 OR 16 F-15-E FIGHTER AIRCRAFT, AND COULD CONCEIVABLY CLAIM 20 PERCENT OF THE BUDGET OF THE STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE.

FURTHERMORE, NO COMPELLING REASON EXISTS TO TRANSFER SSD OUT OF ITS PRESENT REGION. FOR YEARS, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HAS PROVIDED THE OPTIMAL MIX OF A SKILLED, PROFESSIONAL LABOR FORCE, SATELITE RESEARCH CENTERS, AND PRIVATE SECTOR AEROSPACE ASSISTANCE TO THE DIVISION THAT NO OTHER STATE CAN EASILY DUPLICATE.

IT IS THE SENATOR'S VIEW THE COSTS INCIDENTAL TO RELOCATION WOULD MORE THAN OFFSET ANY PROJECTED COST SAVINGS THAT COULD BE CALCULATED BY AIR FORCE ANALYSTS.

ADDITIONALLY, SENATOR WILSON BELIEVES THE GREATER THE PROPOSED DISTANCE OF RELOCATION, THE GREATER THE COST. SIMILARLY, THE GREATER THE DISTANCE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION IS MOVED FROM ITS PRESENT CONFIGURATION AND ITS INMEDIATE PROXIMITY TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AEROSPACE INDUSTRIAL BASE, THE MORE LIKELY THE DIMINISHMENT OF ITS

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ABILITY TO READILY ACHIEVE ITS MISSION OBJECTIVES WHICH ARE SO DEPENDENT UPON THAT INDUSTRIAL BASE.

DESPITE ALL THIS, SHOULD THE AIR FORCE CONCLUDE THAT A RELOCATION SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN, SENATOR WILSON, FROM HIS VANTAGE POINT ON THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, WOULD VIEW THAT BUDGETARY POLICY AND LOGISTICAL ANALYSIS VERY CRITICALLY.

I APPRECIATE, ONCE AGAIN, THE TIME TO MAKE SENATOR WILSON'S POSITION KNOWN TO YOU. THANK YOU.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. WOOTTON. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE LEANNAN BRADLEY, FOLLOWED BY JOHN LEYMAN.

MS. BRADLEY: I AM LEANNAN BRADLEY, AND I AM WITH CONGRESSMAN GEORGE BROWN'S OFFICE. I AM VERY PLEASED TO BE HERE TONIGHT TO SEND CONGRESSMAN GEORGE BROWN'S STRONG MESSAGE IN SUPPORT OF MOVING THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE. 15.10

ALTHOUGH CONGRESSMAN BROWN DOESN'T ACTUALLY REPRESENT MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, HE HAS A TRADITIONAL INTEREST IN THE BASE AND COUNTS MANY OF ITS WORKERS AS HIS CONSTITUENTS. LAST NIGHT IN THE HEARING IN SAN BERNARDINO, CONGRESSMAN BROWN FOCUSED LARGELY ON THE BALLISTIC MISSILE

ORGANIZATION. TONIGHT, MY FOCUS WILL BE ON THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION.

MOVING SSD WILL BE AN EXPENSIVE TASK, EVEN WITH SPECIAL LEGISLATION THAT WILL ALLOW THE AIR FORCE TO DIRECTLY USE PROFITS FROM THE SALE OF VALUABLE LANDS IN THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AREA TO FUND THE MOVE.

HOWEVER, WE URGE THAT THE FULL RANGE OF BENEFITS ALSO BE CONSIDERED FROM THE MOVE TO MARCH. RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF EMPLOYEES WILL BE GREATLY INCREASED DUE TO REDUCED COMMUTE TIMES AND LOWER HOUSING COSTS. CERTAINLY, THE MOVE TO MARCH WILL ALSO BE THE LEAST EXPENSIVE OF THE OTHER ALTERNATIVE MOVES.

IN TERMS OF COMMENTING ON THE DRAFT EIS, CONGRESSMAN BROWN HAS ASKED THAT I MENTION TWO CONCERNS. FIRST, WE ARE VERY PLEASED THAT THE AIR FORCE HAS INCLUDED IN ITS ANALYSIS REFERENCE TO THE FACT THAT A MOVE OF SSD TO MARCH IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AIR POLLUTION REDUCTION PLAN WITH THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT.

SECOND, CONGRESSMAN BROWN WOULD LIKE TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE ANALYSIS IN THE DRAFT EIS OF THE CUMULATIVE IMPACTS ON AIR QUALITY FOR MOVING SSD TO MARCH. IN ADDITION TO THE ANTICIPATED 11.1

MOVEMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 1,100 PERSONNEL TO MARCH WHEN NORTON CLOSES, THE DRAFT EIS STATES THAT THERE WOULD BE AN INCREASED NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE AIR QUALITY FROM SUCH A MOVE.

LIKE SUPERVISOR YOUNGLOVE AND MAYOR FRIZZEL, CONGRESSMAN BROWN ASKS THAT THIS ASSESSMENT BE RECONSIDERED. ANY JOBS LOST AT NORTON THAT MAY BE KEPT WITHIN THE INLAND EMPIRE WILL HELP TO ALLEVIATE THE NEGATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH JOBS-HOUSING IMBALANCE. 11.1 ALTHOUGH, IF THOSE 1,100 EMPLOYEES WERE FORCED TO FIND OTHER JOBS, A LIKELY PLACE TO LOOK WOULD BE THE LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTY AREAS, INCREASING FREEWAY CONGESTION AND AIR QUALITY DEGRADATION.

THUS, A CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF HAVING BOTH 1,100 NEW PERSONNEL COME TO MARCH FROM NORTON, ALONG WITH 7,500 NEW PERSONNEL FROM SSD, IS POSITIVE FOR BOTH THE JOBS-HOUSING IMBALANCE AND FOR THE AIR QUALITY IN THE BASIN.

WE WOULD ALSO URGE THAT THE AIR FORCE CONSIDER A PILOT PROGRAM WITH, ALTERNATIVELY, VAN POOLS OR OTHER PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION AS A MEANS TO NOT ONLY IMPROVE AIR QUALITY, BUT ALSO TO LEAD THE WAY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR CLEANER FUELS. 11.39

IN CONCLUSION, CONGRESSMAN BROWN FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT THERE ARE NOT ONLY STRONG FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL REASONS FOR MOVING SSD TO MARCH, BUT ALSO THAT MOVING SSD TO MARCH COULD ALSO BENEFIT THE AIR QUALITY THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE WILL BE SUBMITTING A WRITTEN STATEMENT AT A LATER TIME.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MS. BROWN. THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. JOHN LEYMAN, WHO WILL BE FOLLOWED BY TOM MULLEN. I APOLOGIZE IF I BUTCHER ANYBODY'S NAME TONIGHT.

MR. LEYMAN: GOOD EVENING. I AM JOHN LEYMAN. I AM REPRESENTING CALIFORNIA'S LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, LEO MC CARTHY. LAST NIGHT, I DID HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S VIEWS AT THE NORTON AIR FORCE BASE HEARING, AND TONIGHT I WOULD LIKE TO STATE HIS POSITION AGAIN, AND -- AT THIS, THE MARCH AIR FORCE BASE HEARING, AND ALSO FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT THIS EVENING.

HIS STATEMENT SAYS THAT, "I AM VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AND THE BALLISTIC MISSILES ORGANIZATION REMAINING AS AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTOR TO THE CALIFORNIA ECONOMY. IF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT INDICATES, WE WOULD FULLY SUPPORT AND PLEDGE THE 15.10

STATE'S ASSISTANCE IN BACKING THE MARCH AIR FORCE BASE ALTERNATIVE. SINCERELY, LEO MC CARTHY."

I THANK YOU, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. LEYMAN. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. TOM MULLEN, FOLLOWED BY MS. SUE MILLER.

MR. MULLEN: THANK YOU. AND YOU ARE CERTAINLY FORGIVEN CONCERNING THE NAME.

WE WELCOME YOU AND HOPE THAT YOU MOVE FROM WHEREVER YOU MIGHT BE TO THIS LOVELY VALLEY, QUITE FRANKLY.

IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN, COL. BOGY, AND WE HOPE THAT YOU RELOCATE FROM LOS ANGELES OUT HERE PERMANENTLY. YOU ARE MORE THAN WELCOME.

JUST VERY BRIEFLY, I MERELY WANT TO REITERATE THE COMMENTS -- I BELIEVE MOST OF THE COMMENTS. THERE MAY BE ONE EXCEPTION IN THERE THAT I HEARD RECENTLY CONCERNING THE EIR OR THE EIS, IF YOU WILL, AND STATE FOR THE RECORD OR AT LEAST PUT INTO THE RECORD MORE FORMALLY THAT WHICH WAS STATED DURING THE EARLIER SCOPING BRIEFING, AND THAT IS SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 68. IT IS PART OF AND THERE WERE COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY SENATOR PRESLEY CONCERNING JOINT RESOLUTION 68,

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AND I WANTED TO SPECIFICALLY ADD THE ROLL CALL ATTACHMENT TO THAT RESOLUTION, WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE CALIFORNIA SENATE AND BY THE CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY, WITH THE ASSEMBLY VOTING UNANIMOUSLY WITH ONLY FOUR "NO" VOTES AND THE SENATE HAVING VOTED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TWO ABSENTEES.

I WOULD NOTE FOR THE RECORD THAT THERE ARE SOME ABSENTEES WITH REGARD TO THE ASSEMBLY VOTES, BUT THERE ARE ONLY FOUR "NO" VOTES WITH REGARD TO THAT.

AND, AGAIN, FOR THE RECORD, WE SUPPORT THE COMMENTS OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS CONCERNING THE EIS, WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION -- AND I NEED TO STUDY THE COMMENT A LITTLE FURTHER BEFORE I UNDERSTAND WHETHER OR NOT ONE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS WAS IN ACTUAL SUPPORT OF MOVING SSD AT ALL OR MOVING IT JUST A LITTLE BIT. THANK YOU.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. MULLEN. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MS. SUE MILLER, FOLLOWED BY RAPHAEL DE LA CRUZ.

MS. MILLER: THANK YOU, COLONEL MORRISON. MY NAME IS SUE MILLER AND I AM A FIELD REPRESENTATIVE FOR ASSEMBLYMAN DAVE KELLY. ASSEMBLY MAN KELLY IS UNABLE TO BE HERE THIS EVENING, BUT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE READ THE FOLLOWING

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COMMENTS.

"AS I HAVE STATED IN PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE, I AM IN STRONG SUPPORT FOR RELOCATING THE AIR FORCE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE AND KEEPING ITS SUBSIDIARY, THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION, AT NORTON AIR FORCE BASE.

"BRINGING THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION TO THE MARCH AIR FORCE BASE WOULD BRING A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF NEW JOBS TO AN AREA IN CALIFORNIA WHERE HOUSING IS STILL AFFORDABLE. THE AIR FORCE HAS INDICATED ALREADY THAT IT IS UNABLE TO ADEQUATELY RECRUIT PERSONNEL AT THE LOS ANGELES BASE BECAUSE OF THE HIGH HOUSING COSTS IN THAT AREA.

"WITH THE BUDGET SO TIGHT, PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT KEEPING BMO AT NORTON AND MOVING SSD TO MARCH WILL REQUIRE ONLY ONE MOVE IN CONSTRUCTION BILL, THUS MINIMIZING COSTS. I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE THAT I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS RELOCATION AND STAND READY TO ASSIST THE AIR FORCE AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IN ANY WAY THAT I CAN."

A LETTER WILL BE FORTHCOMING REFLECTING THESE COMMENTS. THANK YOU, COLONEL.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MS. MILLER. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. RAPHAEL DE LA CRUZ, FOLLOWED BY GARY COTTRELL.

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MR. PICK: MR. CHAIRMAN, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I AM ART PICK, REPRESENTING RAPHAEL DE LA CRUZ WHO ASKED ME TO READ INTO THE RECORD THE STATEMENT OF ASSEMBLYMAN STEVE KLUTE.

"DEAR LIEUTENANT COLONEL BARTOL:

TRANSFER OF THE ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE IS A VERY HIGH PRIORITY WITH ME. I HAVE ADVISED THE GOVERNOR'S STAFF OF MY INTEREST IN THIS EFFORT. I STRONGLY SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE ONE AS WELL AS ALTERNATIVE FIVE AS PROVIDED BY THE AIR FORCE. ALTERNATIVE ONE PROPOSES TOTAL RELOCATION OF ALL ACTIVITIES CURRENTLY AT LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, WHEREAS ALTERNATIVE FIVE PROPOSES RETENTION OF THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION IN LOS ANGELES, BMO TO BE RETAINED AT NORTON, AND RELOCATION OF AIR FORCE ACTIVITIES TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE.

"MARCH AIR FORCE BASE IS THE IDEAL LOCATION FOR EITHER OF THESE ALTERNATIVES. THE RIVERSIDE AND MORENO VALLEY AREA WOULD PROVIDE REDUCED COMMUTING TIME, MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPARED TO THE LOS ANGELES AREA, AND WE WOULD REDUCE THE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OF THE PRESENT CIVILIAN WORK FORCE WHOSE PAY WOULD BE COMMENSURATE WITH THEIR PEERS IN THE LOCAL

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COMMUNITY.

"CONSIDERING ALL THE FACETS OF THIS PROPOSED MOVE, IT IS APPARENT THAT THE SELECTION OF MARCH AIR FORCE BASE IS THE MOST DESIRABLE, ECONOMICAL AND LOGICAL CONCLUSION. YOUR APPROVAL OF THIS RECOMMENDATION IS SOLICITED. SINCERELY, STEVE KLOTE, ASSEMBLYMAN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

I BELIEVE THE COMMITTEE HAS COPIES OF THIS LETTER. THANK YOU.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. GARY COTTRELL, FOLLOWED BY J. DAVID MORSPOOL.

MR. COTTRELL: COLONEL MORRISON, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, I AM, FOR THE RECORD, GARY COTTRELL, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

WITH REGARD TO THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE, LET ME GIVE YOU SOME

15.10 REASONS WHY RELOCATING THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE MAKES SENSE FROM THE STANDPOINT OF LAND AVAILABILITY AND QUALITY-OF-LIFE ISSUES.

FIRST, RIVERSIDE COUNTY IS THE FOURTH LARGEST COUNTY IN CALIFORNIA IN AREA, TRAILING ONLY SAN BERNARDINO, KERN AND INYO IN SIZE. WITH

RESPECT TO POPULATION, ACCORDING TO THE 1990 FEDERAL CENSUS FIGURES JUST RELEASED THIS WEEK, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, WITH A CURRENT POPULATION OF 1,145,000, IS THE SEVENTH LARGEST COUNTY IN THE STATE. IT IS ALSO THE FASTEST GROWING COUNTY IN THE STATE WITH A POPULATION INCREASE IN THE LAST DECADE OF OVER 70 PERCENT.

DRIVING THIS EXTRAORDINARY INCREASE IN POPULATION IS THE AVAILABILITY OF LAND FOR DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE COUNTY, WHICH HAS MADE AFFORDABLE HOUSING READILY AVAILABLE TO INCREASING NUMBERS OF HOME BUYERS FROM NEIGHBORING COUNTIES.

SECONDLY, IN CONSIDERATION OF EXISTING HOUSING STOCK AND READILY AVAILABLE LAND DESIGNATED FOR RESIDENTIAL USES, THE PROPOSED RELOCATION OPENS UP UNLIMITED PRESENT AND FUTURE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL CONNECTED WITH THE SPACE SYSTEMS *DIVISION, WITHOUT MOVING THE MISSION FAR FROM* CURRENT AEROSPACE SUPPORT SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

THIRD, A MOVE TO MARCH WOULD PROVIDE THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION WITH ELEMENTS CONSIDERED NECESSARY FOR FUTURE GROWTH OF THE MISSION NOT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE AT THE EXISTING FACILITY.

BASED ON NEEDS IDENTIFIED IN TABLE 2.2-2 OF THE DRAFT EIS, MARCH AIR FORCE BASE HAS AN ABUNDANCE OF LAND SUFFICIENT TO ACCOMMODATE FUTURE PROJECTED PHYSICAL EXPANSION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION WITHIN A SECURE PERIMETER OF THE BASE.

FOURTH, THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT IDENTIFIES SEVERAL AIR FORCE OWNED PARCELS WITHIN THE BASE WHICH COULD BE USED FOR MILITARY HOUSING. HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS ON THESE *SITES COULD EASILY BE SERVED BY EXISTING AND* PLANNED INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS SURROUNDING THE BASE WITH MINIMAL IMPACTS TO THE SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT.

FIFTH, SECTION 4.4 OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT IDENTIFIES THE NEED FOR OFF-BASE LAND TO SUPPORT THE RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL GROWTH WHICH WILL RESULT FROM THE RELOCATION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION TO MARCH.

THE CITIES AND UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES SURROUNDING MARCH PROVIDE AN AFFORDABLE INDUSTRIAL LAND INVENTORY FOR SERVICE AND SUPPORT INDUSTRIES AND AFFORDABLE ENTRY-LEVEL AND MOVE-UP HOUSING FOR BASE PERSONNEL.

IF -- OR I SHOULD SAY WHEN RELOCATED TO MARCH, THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION WOULD REAP THE

BENEFITS OF LOCATING WITHIN ONE OF THE MOST DESIRABLE GROWTH CENTERS IN THE UNITED STATES.

SIX, WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY, AND WITHIN A TEN-MILE RADIUS OF MARCH, THERE ARE CURRENTLY 24 APPROVED SPECIFIC PLANS COMPRISING 38,000 HOUSING UNITS, OF WHICH APPROXIMATELY 40 PERCENT, OR 15,000 UNITS, ARE CURRENTLY DEVELOPED.

THEREFORE, THERE IS AN ABUNDANT SUPPLY OF ALREADY APPROVED RESIDENTIAL UNITS THAT CAN BE DEVELOPED. AT PRESENT, MANY OF THESE SPECIFIC PLANS STILL CONTAIN LARGE TRACTS OF UNDEVELOPED, RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LAND AVAILABLE TO MERCHANT BUILDERS AND COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPERS FOR INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS.

MIND YOU, THIS IS ONLY IN THE UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AREA. THERE ARE SEVERAL THOUSAND MORE IMPROVED UNITS IN CITIES THAT IMMEDIATELY SURROUND MARCH AND OTHER CITIES IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE COUNTY.

SEVENTH, THERE IS AN ENORMOUS INVENTORY OF AVAILABLE INDUSTRIAL LAND AND FINISHED INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES NOT WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SPECIFIC PLANS. WITHIN THE SAME TEN-MILE RADIUS OF MARCH, THERE ARE OVER 7,500 ACRES ZONED FOR INDUSTRIAL USES WITH APPROXIMATELY 9,000,000

SQUARE FEET OF FINISHED INDUSTRIAL FLOOR SPACE. MANY OF THESE INDUSTRIAL SITES ARE LOCATED IN FULLY DEVELOPED, FULL-SERVICE INDUSTRIAL PARKS WITH ACCESSORY COMMERCIAL OFFICES WHICH ARE CAPABLE OF PROVIDING SUPPORT SERVICES TO THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION, ALONG WITH INCREASING PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT CAPABILITIES.

I THINK I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T ALSO MENTION OUR OUTSTANDING NETWORK OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE INLAND EMPIRE. MANY INSTITUTIONS, SUCH AS THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA OF RIVERSIDE, THE UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS, CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO, LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY AND CALIFORNIA BAPTIST COLLEGE HAVE LONG PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN BOTH GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY IN THE AREA BY PROVIDING A MULTITUDE OF VERY EDUCATIONAL, PROFESSIONAL AND CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES.

ALTHOUGH NOT SPECIFICALLY QUANTIFIED IN THE DRAFT EIS, POSITIVE IMPACTS, SUCH AS THE POTENTIAL FOR HOME OWNERSHIP AND DRAMATICALLY LESSENED COMMUTE TIMES, WOULD MOST CERTAINLY BE SIGNIFICANT TO ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE ENJOYED BY SPACE SYSTEMS PERSONNEL.

IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT IN TERMS OF RECREATIONAL AMENITIES, NEW RESIDENTS WOULD

QUICKLY DISCOVER THE ADVANTAGES LONG ENJOYED BY WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY RESIDENTS IN BEING CENTRALLY LOCATED TO A HOST OF RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES OFFERED BY THE DESERT RESORT COMMUNITIES, NATIONAL FOREST, METROPOLITAN LOS ANGELES AND SEASIDE COMMUNITIES.

IN CONCLUSION, WE BELIEVE THAT THE RELOCATION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AND THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE WOULD RESULT IN ONE OF THE MOST BENEFICIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS IMAGINABLE, LOCATING JOBS AND HOUSING TOGETHER, WHILE ALLOWING THE MISSION TO REMAIN IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO AEROSPACE-RELATED INDUSTRIES OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY CLEARLY HAS THE LAND NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE SPACE SYSTEM DIVISION PROSPEROUS GROWTH ALONG WITH THE AVAILABILITY OF ABUNDANT, QUALITY, EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ITS PERSONNEL.

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO COMMENT. I'D BE PLEASED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. COTTRELL. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. DAVID MORSPOOL, FOLLOWED BY MR. ROBERT BOUNDS.

MR. MORSPOOL: COLONEL MORRISON, MEMBERS OF THE PANEL, I AM DAVID MORSPOOL, CITY

COUNCILMAN FROM THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY.

MAYOR LANG WAS OUT OF TOWN THIS EVENING, AND I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO COME AND ADDRESS YOU THIS EVENING. AND JUST BEFORE I CAME HERE, I WAS ALSO REQUESTED BY THE CITY MANAGER FROM TEMECULA TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF TEMECULA TOO. HOWEVER, I WON'T CLAIM TEN MINUTES.

I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY TO YOU. WE ARE THE CITY WHICH IS IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE ON THE NORTH AND ON THE EAST. THE CITY HAS BEEN INCORPORATED FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE AND A HALF YEARS AND SINCE INCORPORATION WE HAVE BEEN A STRONG SUPPORTER OF MARCH AIR FORCE BASE.

LET ME BACK UP AND SAY I WANTED TO ADDRESS, ESSENTIALLY, TWO TOPICS THIS EVENING. FIRST IS THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT ISSUE, AND THEN THE SECOND ISSUE I WANTED TO TOUCH ON IS THE QUALITY OF LIFE, AND RESPOND TO SOME OF THE COMMENTS WITH REGARD TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

AS I SAID, THE CITY HAS BEEN STRONGLY SUPPORTIVE OF MARCH AIR FORCE BASE SINCE INCORPORATION. WE HAVE BEEN VERY SENSITIVE TO PREVENT OR KEEP HOUSING PROJECTS AND THOSE TYPES OF THINGS FROM ENCROACHING ON BASE OPERATIONS, AND TRIED TO BE VERY SENSITIVE, BECAUSE WE UNDERSTAND

THAT MARCH AIR FORCE BASE IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF OUR COMMUNITY. AND WE HAVE ACTIVELY SOLICITED THE INPUT OF BASE PERSONNEL ON PROJECTS WHICH WOULD POTENTIALLY AFFECT IT.

AND I KNOW THAT IF YOU COULD TALK TO PAST AND PRESENT BASE COMMANDERS, WING COMMANDERS AND AIR FORCE COMMANDERS, THEY WOULD SUPPORT THIS STATEMENT ALSO.

AND I THINK THAT THIS IS SOMETHING TO BE CONSIDERED, IS THE SUPPORT THAT THE COMMUNITY WOULD HAVE FOR THE RELOCATION OF SSD TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE. AND I KNOW THAT MORENO VALLEY WOULD SUPPORT THAT.

I ALSO WANT TO NOW ADDRESS THE QUALITY-OF-LIFE ISSUES. AS I SAID, MORENO VALLEY IS ABOUT FIVE AND A HALF YEARS OLD. IT'S STILL A YOUNG COMMUNITY, AND THE COMMUNITY POPULATION IS VERY YOUNG. THE MEDIAN AGE A COUPLE YEARS AGO WAS ABOUT 27, AND I DON'T THINK IT'S CHANGED MUCH IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS.

IT'S A VIBRANT COMMUNITY AND HAS A VERY ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT TO IT. IT'S THE FASTEST GROWING CITY IN THE INLAND EMPIRE AND HAS FUELED MUCH OF THE GROWTH WHICH HAS BEEN DISCUSSED EARLIER. AND THAT IS AS A RESULT OF THE ABUNDANT OPPORTUNITY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WHICH HAS ALSO

BEEN TOUCHED ON.

AND JUST AS AN EXAMPLE, HOUSING COSTS IN MORENO VALLEY ARE ANYWHERE FROM A THIRD TO A HALF OF WHAT HOUSING COSTS IN LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTIES WOULD BE.

TO FURTHER ILLUSTRATE, WHEN WE INCORPORATED FIVE AND A HALF YEARS AGO, THE POPULATION OF THE CITY WAS ABOUT 47,000. TODAY, IT IS BETWEEN 115- AND 120,000. SO YOU CAN SEE THAT WE ARE USED TO GROWTH.

WE ARE ACTIVELY STRIVING TO CREATE A COMMUNITY WHICH IS BALANCED IN TERMS OF HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES, JOB OPPORTUNITIES, RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, ALONG WITH COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES.

WE HAVE THE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES THERE. THE JOB OPPORTUNITIES ARE COMING. AND THE RELOCATION OF SSD TO THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY WOULD ENHANCE THAT ASPECT OF OUR COMMUNITY'S DEVELOPMENT BY AN INMEASURABLE AMOUNT. THE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ARE ALREADY WELL KNOWN AND THEY HAVE ALREADY BEEN TOUCHED ON, SO I WON'T REVIEW THOSE AGAIN.

I THINK IN TERMS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THIS PANEL TO KNOW THAT THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY IS PLANNING

FOR GROWTH. AS I SAID, OUR POPULATION IS BETWEEN 115- AND 120,000 PEOPLE. AT BUILDOUT, IT IS PROJECTED TO BE 250- TO 300,000 PEOPLE.

OUR RECENTLY ADOPTED GENERAL PLAN PROVIDES FOR THAT GROWTH. THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT MENTIONED THE NEED FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE CITY HAS ALREADY DONE IS TO TAKE THE LEAD IN DEVELOPING WHAT'S CALLED THE OLEANDER SPECIFIC PLAN, WHICH IS IMMEDIATELY TO THE EAST SIDE OF MARCH AIR FORCE BASE. IT'S AN INDUSTRIAL PARK, APPROXIMATELY 1,200 ACRES.

AND IN TERMS OF THE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THE AREA, THE COMPLETION OF THAT PLAN WILL OPEN UP ARTERIAL ROADWAYS WHICH WILL GREATLY ENHANCE THE ABILITY OF THAT AREA TO HANDLE THE INCREASE IN TRAFFIC.

IN ADDITION, WE HAVE A GATEWAY SPECIFIC PLAN, WHICH IS A MIXED-USE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL PLAN ON THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, WHICH FURTHER PLANS FOR AN INCREASE OF JOBS IN THAT AREA. SO I GUESS WHAT I AM SAYING IS THE CITY IS ALREADY PLANNING FOR GROWTH. THIS WOULD BE A PART OF THAT PLAN.

THE SOLID WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM WAS MENTIONED AND THE NEW MANDATE BY THE STATE. AND I

AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY IS ALREADY TAKING STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM WITHIN ITS CITY.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES -- WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND THOSE THINGS -- AGAIN, THE POPULATION IS ALREADY PROJECTED TO INCREASE TO 250- TO 300,000, SO THOSE SERVICES ARE ALREADY BEING PLANNED FOR. SO THE INCREASE IN POPULATION WHICH WOULD BE CREATED BY THE RELOCATION OF SSD TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE IS ALREADY PLANNED FOR. AGAIN.

WITH RESPECT TO THE AIR QUALITY, I AGREE WITH PRIOR SPEAKERS THAT I BELIEVE THAT THE RELOCATION WOULD ENHANCE AIR QUALITY FIRST BY GETTING COMMUTERS OFF THE ROAD -- BECAUSE A LARGE PART OF OUR POPULATION WORK IN THE LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTY AREAS -- WHICH WOULD CREATE REDUCED COMMUTING AND TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

AND I SEE MY TIME IS UP. IN CONCLUSION, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THE CITY STRONGLY SUPPORTS, AS ITS FIRST CHOICE, ALTERNATIVE ONE, WITH THE FALLBACK CHOICE OF ALTERNATIVE FIVE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. MORSPOOL. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. ROBERT BOUNDS, FOLLOWED BY MR. JAMES QUINN.

MR. BOUNDS: MY NAME IS ROBERT BOUNDS, CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT. I WILL NOT TAKE ANYTHING AWAY FROM MAYOR TRAMMEL FORD, THE MAYOR OF SAN JACINTO, WHO SPOKE VERY WELL OF THOSE CITIES WHO ARE 20 TO 25 MILES AWAY FROM MARCH AIR FORCE BASE.

BEAUMONT IS MERELY TO THE NORTH OF SAN JACINTO WITH THE HILLSIDE BETWEEN US. OUR AIR QUALITY IS VERY GOOD, AND WE HOPE TO KEEP IT THAT WAY. ONLY A CITY OF 9,968 TODAY. THE ESTIMATES HAVE RANGED FROM 2,015 TO A CITY OF 90- TO 95,000.

AT THE PRESENT TIME, WE HAVE A NEW WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT THAT IS BEING PLANNED. IT WILL BE ON-LINE IN 1992. IN PLENTY OF TIME FOR NEW HOMES TO BE BUILT FOR THOSE THAT MIGHT MOVE WHEN THE SSD MOVES.

WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE TIME TONIGHT. ALSO, TO INDICATE THE COUNCIL IS IN FAVOR OF, AS A FIRST CHOICE, NUMBER ONE, AND NUMBER FIVE, OF COURSE, AS A BACKUP.

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COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. BOUNDS. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. JAMES QUINN, FOLLOWED BY MR. ART PICK.

MR. QUINN: CORONEL MORRISON, HEARING PANEL. IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS YOU

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TONIGHT TO EXPRESS NEMET'S SUPPORT FOR THE LOCATION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE.

15.10 THE CITY COUNCIL HAS UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED THIS PROPOSAL AND WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO ADOPT EITHER ALTERNATIVE ONE OR ALTERNATIVE FIVE.

NEMET IS LOCATED ABOUT 20 MILES SOUTHEAST OF MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, AND IS WITHIN A VERY EASY COMMUTE THROUGH THE RAMONA EXPRESSWAY. THE NEW EMPLOYEES OF MARCH AIR FORCE BASE WILL BE IN NEED OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WHICH IS A FEATURE THAT THE SAN JACINTO VALLEY, WHERE WE ARE LOCATED, CAN PROVIDE SPACIOUS, WELL-CONSTRUCTED THREE- AND FOUR-BEDROOM HOUSES AT THE PRICE OF 120- TO $150,000. SMALLER, YET STILL WELL-BUILT HOMES ARE AVAILABLE FOR UNDER $100,000.

THE CITY OF NEMET HAS ADOPTED LONG-RANGE LAND USE AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS TO ASSURE OUR ABILITY TO ACCOMMODATE GROWTH WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE QUALITY OF LIFE.

OUR VALLEY BOASTS TWO EXCELLENT SCHOOL SYSTEMS, A FULL-SERVICE 345-BED HOSPITAL, ONE OF THE LARGEST IN THE COUNTY, AND A WIDE RANGE OF SHOPPING. THE CITY HAS AN EXCELLENT BALANCED ECONOMY, DUE IN PART TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF SAVINGS AND DEPOSITS IN NEMET'S MORE THAN 50 BANKS

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AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

NEMET IS KNOWN FOR ITS LARGE SENIOR CITIZEN POPULATION, WHICH INCLUDES AN UNUSUALLY HIGH NUMBER OF VETERANS. AS A RESULT, THE COMMUNITY IS VERY SUPPORTIVE OF AND WELCOMES MILITARY-RELATED AGENCIES.

WITHIN NEARBY SURROUNDING AREAS, RESIDENTS HAVE AMPLE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT LAKES AND MOUNTAINS AND THE OCEAN. THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT PLANS TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL LAKE WITHIN THE NEXT TEN YEARS. AND THIS LAKE WILL BE AROUND FIVE MILES LONG.

WE WOULD STRONGLY SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL TO LOCATE THE SPACE SYSTEM DIVISION AT MARCH AIR FORCE BASE AND URGE YOUR APPROVAL OF THE SITE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. QUINN. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. PICK.

MR. PICK: MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, I BRING YOU NEW TESTIMONY REGARDING THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE GREATER RIVERSIDE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE FROM THE YEAR 1917.

THE MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE GREATER RIVERSIDE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE IS THE LONGEST-STANDING MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE IN THE UNITED STATES, HAVING BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN THE

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SECURING OF MARCH AIR FORCE BASE FOR THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND RIVERSIDE AREA.

I'D LIKE TO QUOTE TO YOU FROM PUBLICATION OF THE "MARCH FIELD STORY, 50TH ANNIVERSARY, 1918-1968," WRITTEN BY A STAFF SERGEANT AT MARCH AIR FORCE BASE.

IF YOU WILL EXCUSE THE LIGHTS -- "IN MARCH 1917, THE WAR DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED ITS NEEDS FOR A BASE. AS SOON AS THE CHAMBER OF RIVERSIDE HEARD OF THE NEW OPPORTUNITY, THEY SET ABOUT TO ORGANIZE FOR A BIGGER CAMPAIGN, AND THEY SELECTED AN AVIATION COMMITTEE, AND THEY PUT THEIR PERSONAL BUSINESS ASIDE AND FORMED THE COMMITTEE, AND GUARANTEED BY BOND THE PAYMENT OF THE LEASE PAYMENT. AT THAT TIME, $4,800 A YEAR."

IF YOU EQUIVOCATE THAT AMOUNT TO PRESENT-DAY STANDARDS, THEY WERE AGREEING TO -- THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIVERSIDE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE -- TO LOCATE MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, BY THEIR PERSONAL COMMITMENT, TO -- PRESENT-DAY STANDARDS -- SOMETHING IN THE AREA OF OVER $2,000,000, A TREMENDOUS COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF VOLUNTEERS WHO FELT DURING THAT WARTIME EFFORT THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL FOR THEM TO STEP FORWARD JUST AS THE FOUNDERS OF OUR CONSTITUTION INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD SACRIFICE THEIR NEEDS FOR THE

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BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY.

AND WE ASK TODAY THAT THAT COMMITMENT BE REVISITED ON THE PART OF THE RIVERSIDE AREA, WHO NOW HAVE A NUMBER OF CITIES ADVOCATING TO YOU TO LOCATE.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL PITTS, ON HIS RETIREMENT BEFORE THE GREATER RIVERSIDE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, SAID THAT "THE MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE CHAMBER IS LEGEND ACROSS THE BOARD AMONG ALL COMMUNITIES IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE MILITARY. THERE ARE SOME CITIES WHO DO NOT WELCOME MILITARY." AND HE NAMED SEVERAL. AND I NEED NOT TELL YOU. PERHAPS YOU HAVE BEEN STATIONED AT SOME OF THOSE.

I WAS WITH A GROUP IN WASHINGTON, D.C., ABOUT EIGHT OR NINE YEARS AGO AND SAT NEXT TO A CIVILIAN WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF MILITARY BASE CLOSURES, WHO SAID TO ME, "WHENEVER WE THINK OF BASE CLOSURE, WE THINK OF MARCH," AND I GULPED. I THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TO TELL ME ABOUT MARCH CLOSURE.

AND HE SAID, "WE THINK ABOUT THE COMMITMENT OF THE RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE: YOUR MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE FACT THAT YOU VISIT HERE ANNUALLY TO TELL OF YOUR NEEDS AND YOUR SUPPORT. YOU ARE NOT LIKE

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SOME COMMUNITIES WHO, WE ANNOUNCE THAT WE ARE GOING TO CLOSE A BASE AND ALL OF A SUDDEN THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ARRIVES ON OUR DOORSTEP TO PROTEST ABOUT THE NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT. YOU ARE HERE ASKING FOR POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT."

WHEN THE ROUND OF MILITARY BASE CLOSURES WAS ANNOUNCED SOMETIME LAST YEAR, IT WAS INDICATED THAT ONE OF THE REASONS THAT MARCH GOT A POSITIVE RESPONSE RATHER THAN A NEGATIVE RESPONSE WAS BECAUSE OF THE POSITIVE EFFECTS OF THE COMMUNITY ON THE BASE. NOT ONLY DO WE HAVE THE LONGEST-STANDING MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, BUT TWO YEARS AGO WE INSTITUTED A SILVER EAGLE CLUB TO RELATE TO THE 15TH AIR FORCE. WE HAVE 100 MEMBERS WHO PAY $400 A YEAR FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF SUPPORTING -- LET ME EMPHASIZE -- PRIVILEGE OF SUPPORTING MARCH AIR FORCE BASE AND ITS MISSION.

WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO LOBBY CONGRESS, LOBBY THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, LOBBY THIS BODY FOR THE PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF MARCH AIR FORCE BASE.

SINCE 1917, THE MISSION OF THE GREATER RIVERSIDE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND ITS MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN THAT MISSION; PRESERVE AND ENHANCE MARCH AIR FORCE BASE'S MISSION. WE ARE PLEASED TO DO SO NOW. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE ENHANCED EFFORT WITH

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SSD WOULD ALSO COME UNDER OUR MISSION.

AND I THANK THE BODY FOR ITS SUPPORT AND FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU. THANK YOU.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. PICK.

WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN -- WE HAVE BEEN GOING FOR ABOUT AN HOUR AND 45 MINUTES -- IS TO GIVE EVERYONE A BREAK, INCLUDING OUR COURT REPORTER. WHAT WE WILL DO IS WE WILL TAKE A TEN-MINUTE RECESS AND THEN RECONVENE.

(BRIEF RECESS WAS TAKEN.)

COL. MORRISON: IF YOU WOULD GO AHEAD AND RESUME YOUR SEATS, WE WILL CONTINUE THE HEARING.

THANK YOU. THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. BOB WALES, FOLLOWED BY MR. JOHN CURTS.

MR. WALES: GOOD EVENING. I AM ROBERT WALES, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE.

FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION AND THAT OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE FOR BEING PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU TONIGHT CONCERNING THE STEPHEN'S KANGAROO RAT.

IT IS NOTED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PREPARED FOR THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION RELOCATION PROPOSAL THAT PORTIONS OF THE MARCH AIR

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FORCE BASE PROPERTY ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF HIGHWAY 215 ARE POPULATED WITH STEPHEN'S KANGAROO RATS.

THE STEPHEN'S KANGAROO RAT WAS LISTED ON THE FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST IN OCTOBER OF 1988. THIS LISTING OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUED DECREASE IN THE HABITAT FOR THIS SPECIES AS A RESULT OF DEVELOPMENT OCCURRING THROUGHOUT WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY.

AT ONE TIME, THE STEPHEN'S KANGAROO RAT HABITAT ENCOMPASSED OVER 300,000 ACRES OF LAND IN THIS AREA. AT THE PRESENT TIME, HOWEVER, IT'S ESTIMATED TO OCCUPY ONLY 22,000 ACRES. IN AN EFFORT TO ADDRESS THIS SITUATION, A CONSORTIUM -- INCLUDING THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, THE CITIES OF HEMET, LAKE ELSINORE, MORENO VALLEY, PERRIS AND RIVERSIDE -- JOIN TOGETHER TO PRESENT A PLAN TO THE UNITED STATES FISHING AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THIS SPECIES WHILE PROVIDING FOR MEANINGFUL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA.

THE FIRST DRAFT OF THIS PLAN, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE SHORT-TERM HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN, INVOLVED THE CREATION OF TEN PRESERVATION AREAS WHICH WERE TO BE FURTHER STUDIED AND BROUGHT UNDER PUBLIC OWNERSHIP TO ACT AS A HABITAT FOR THE

CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THIS SPECIES.

THESE TEN STUDY AREAS COMPRISE IN EXCESS OF 81,000 ACRES, AND ROUGHLY 16,000 OF THOSE ACRES ARE OCCUPIED WITH STEPHEN'S KANGAROO RATS. IN ADDITION, SEVEN OF THE AREAS ARE KNOWN TO SUPPORT POPULATIONS OF TWO OR MORE OTHER SPECIES OF CONCERN.

UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, AFTER REVIEWING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT PREPARED FOR THIS PLAN AND THE ACCOMPANYING INCIDENTAL TAKING PERMIT WAS APPROVED THE METHOD OUTLINED FOR PRESERVING THE STEPHEN'S KANGAROO RAT AND WAS ISSUED TO THE CO-PERMITTEES, AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, A SHORT-TERM TAKING PERMIT WHICH WILL PROVIDE FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE STEPHEN'S KANGAROO RAT HABITAT LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE PROPOSED PRESERVE AREAS.

IT IS OUR OPINION THAT THE THOROUGH STUDY WHICH WAS DONE TO PREPARE THIS PLAN AND THE FEDERAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF IT CONSTITUTES ADEQUATE STEPS TO ENSURE THAT THE TAKING OF THE STEPHEN'S KANGAROO RAT AS IT RELATES TO THOSE SITES INDICATED ON MARCH AIR FORCE BASE PROPERTY HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY MITIGATED SO AS TO PROVIDE THE LONG-TERM VIABILITY OF THIS ENDANGERED

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SPECIES.

AS A RESULT OF THE EFFORTS MADE IN THIS AREA, I BELIEVE THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION CAN BE RELOCATED TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE WITHOUT UNDUE REGARD CONCERNING THIS PARTICULAR MATTER, AND I WOULD LIKE TO ADD MY VOICE TO THOSE YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY HEARD FROM TONIGHT STRONGLY URGING YOU TO CONSIDER THIS ALTERNATIVE. 13.2

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU TONIGHT.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. WALES. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. JOHN CURTS, FOLLOWED BY MR. BART SINGLETARY.

MR. CURTS: GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS JOHN CURTS. I AM SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT WITH THE T & S DEVELOPMENT AND AM HERE TO SPEAK TO YOU AS A MEMBER OF PRIVATE INDUSTRY IN THE COMMUNITY, OFFERING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS TO DEVELOPABLE LAND NEAR MARCH AIR FORCE BASE FOR SUPPORT FACILITIES.

T & S DEVELOPMENT IS THE DEVELOPER OF THREE PROJECTS NEAR MARCH AIR FORCE BASE: CANYON SPRINGS, CANYON SPRINGS BUSINESS PARK, AND THE SYCAMORE CANYON BUSINESS PARK. ALL OF THESE PROPERTIES ARE WITHIN TWO MILES OF THE BASE.

CANYON SPRINGS CONSISTS OF MORE THAN 300

ACRES AT THE SOUTHEAST QUADRANT OF STATE ROUTE 60 AND INTERSTATE 215 AND IS ZONED FOR COMMERCIAL OFFICE AND BUSINESS PARK DEVELOPMENT. ENTITLEMENTS IN PLACE INCLUDE IMPROVED SPECIFIC PLAN AND EIR AND A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE WHICH GUARANTEES AT LEAST 5,000,000 SQUARE FEET OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS DURING THE NEXT 16 YEARS.

ALL STREETS AND UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE ARE IN PLACE, AND CURRENTLY TWO OFFICE BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN BUILT WITHIN THIS PROJECT, TOTALING ABOUT 100,000 SQUARE FEET.

THE CANYON SPRINGS BUSINESS PARK IS LOCATED IMMEDIATELY TO THE WEST ACROSS INTERSTATE 215 AND CONSISTS OF 42 ACRES OF MANUFACTURING PARK-ZONED LAND. CURRENTLY, ABOUT 200,000 SQUARE FEET OF BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN BUILT ON 15 ACRES OF THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT.

THE SYCAMORE CANYON BUSINESS PARK TOTALS MORE THAN 600 ACRES AND IS IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF MARCH AIR FORCE BASE ACROSS ALESSANDRO BOULEVARD. THIS IS ALSO WEST OF INTERSTATE 215. A COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT IS CURRENTLY BEING ESTABLISHED THROUGH THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE FOR THIS PROPERTY TO COMPLETE ALL PUBLIC STREETS AND UTILITIES, ALL INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED FOR DEVELOPMENT, AND THE

COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT IS ANTICIPATED IN THE WINTER OF 1992.

AN EIR HAS BEEN PREPARED AND APPROVED, AS WELL AS A SPECIFIC PLAN, AND MANUFACTURING PARK AND BUSINESS PARK ZONING ENTITLEMENTS ARE CURRENTLY ON THE PROPERTY.

ONE OF OUR PARTNERSHIPS, SPECTRUM ASSOCIATES, OWNS MORE THAN HALF OF THIS PROJECT. ADDITIONALLY, PEPSI-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY HAS SELECTED THIS PROJECT FOR ITS RECENTLY COMPLETED 200,000 SQUARE FOOT FACILITY.

NOW, THE STEPHEN'S KANGAROO RAT ENDANGERED SPECIES SHORT-TERM HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN INCLUDED THIS PROJECT WITHIN THE SYCAMORE CANYON STUDY AREA, ONE OF THE ITEMS MENTIONED BY MR. WALES PREVIOUSLY.

HOWEVER, THE INDUSTRIALLY ZONED PORTION OF THE STUDY AREA HAS BEEN APPROVED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PURCHASE OF RAT HABITAT CONSERVATION LAND WITHIN THE ADJACENT SYCAMORE CANYON WILDERNESS PARK. AND BY DOING THAT, WE WILL BE ALLOWED A TAKING PERMIT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE BUSINESS PARK.

BETWEEN JUST THESE THREE PROJECTS IN WHICH MY COMPANY IS INVOLVED, THERE'S MORE THAN 1,000 ACRES OF LAND SUITABLE FOR INDUSTRIAL,

BUSINESS PARK, OFFICE, AND RELATED SERVICES AND RETAIL COMMERCIAL USES AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO MILES NORTH OF THE MARCH AIR FORCE BASE.

NEARLY HALF OF THIS LAND IS READY TODAY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND THE REMAINDER WILL BE ON-LINE WITHIN THE NEXT 18 MONTHS. I'D LIKE TO ADD MY VOICE IN SUPPORT OF ALTERNATIVES ONE AND FIVE. THANK YOU. 15.10

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. CURTS. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. BART SINGLETARY, FOLLOWED BY MR. GENE STUBBLEFIELD.

MR. SINGLETARY: THANK YOU, COLONEL. MY PLEASURE TO BE HERE THIS EVENING TO REPRESENT THE MONDAY MORNING GROUP, WHICH IS A GROUP OF MEN AND WOMEN IN THE WESTERN PART OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY. THERE'S 33 OF US AT THE CURRENT TIME. BASICALLY, WE ARE CONCERNED WITH THE OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE OBVIOUSLY, WE ARE HERE TO WELCOME ANYTHING POSITIVE THAT CAN COME OUT OF THIS MEETING AND CAN COME OUT OF ANY FUTURE DECISIONS THAT WILL BE MADE.

OUR GROUP IS MADE UP OF ABOUT A DOZEN EX-CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENTS. WE HAVE LEADERS IN THE WATER, AIR, HEALTH CARE AND OTHER AREAS THAT WE FEEL ARE NECESSARY TO IN SOME WAY KEEP AN EYE AND HELP WHEREVER WE CAN, WHENEVER WE

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ARE CALLED UPON.

ART PICK ALLUDED A LITTLE BIT TO THE HISTORY -- NOT A LITTLE BIT. HE GOT BACK TO 1917 AND BROUGHT US FORWARD. AND HE TALKED ABOUT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH SAC.

NOW, I'M SURE THAT YOU HEARD LAST NIGHT THE INLAND EMPIRE'S RELATIONSHIP WITH MAC. INSIDE OF THE CULTURAL ELEMENT OF THE EIS, I AM NOT SURE THAT THE LIBERTY IS THERE TO ADDRESS IT, BUT I WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU DISCUSS WITH OTHER AGENCIES THAT HAVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE INLAND EMPIRE, THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, SPECIFICALLY THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE -- AND OTHERS, THAT THIS ISN'T JUST A KIND OF A ONE-SHOT, "THIS IS A GREAT DEAL": "WE WANT TO COME TO YOU AND WE NEED THIS PARTICULAR INSTALLATION IN OUR AREA."

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SPECIFICALLY, THE INLAND EMPIRE, I THINK, IS READY FOR IT. YOU ARE HEARING THE HARD FACTS HERE TONIGHT. YOU ARE HEARING ANSWERS TO THIS. AND I THINK THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE INLAND EMPIRE ARE IN A POSITION TO WELCOME YOU. WE ARE IN A POSITION TO ADD TO THE CULTURAL AND, REALLY, THE LIVING AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE ONCE YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED HERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. SINGLETARY. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. GENE STUBBLEFIELD, FOLLOWED BY MARION ASHLEY.

MR. STUBBLEFIELD: I AM GENE STUBBLEFIELD, AND I AM REPRESENTING THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY, AND MY COMMENTS WILL BE VERY BRIEF.

TO BEGIN WITH, OUR COMPANY IS REVIEWING AND RESPONDING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT MATERIALS THAT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO US RELATIVE TO THE EXPANSION OF MARCH AIR FORCE BASE.

FOR THE RECORD, OUR COMPANY HAS MORE THAN ADEQUATE ELECTRIC CAPACITY TO SERVE THE EXISTING AND FUTURE NEEDS OF THAT FACILITY AND ITS AUXILIARY OPERATIONS, REGARDLESS OF HOW EXTENSIVE THE EXPANSION AND SUCH OPERATION MIGHT BE. 15.10

ADDITIONALLY, AND FINALLY, OUR COMPANY SUPPORTS AND IS PARTICIPATING IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREATER SAN BERNARDINO AND RIVERSIDE COUNTY AREAS AND IS WORKING WITH A NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS AREA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. STUBBLEFIELD. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MARION ASHLEY, FOLLOWED BY MR. HENRY WAGNER.

MR. ASHLEY: MY NAME IS MARION

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ASHLEY. I LIVE AT 880 NORTH PERRIS BOULEVARD, PERRIS, CALIFORNIA. AND I AM HERE IN SEVERAL CAPACITIES. I AM A VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF THE RIVERSIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION., AND WE ASSIST BUSINESSES IN SITUATIONS LIKE THIS THAT WILL COME INTO OUR AREA. AND WE STAND READY TO DO THAT. AND YOU HAVE HEARD FROM A LOT OF TESTIMONY ALREADY HOW PREPARED WE ARE FOR THAT.

ALSO, I AM A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST DOWN IN THE PERRIS/SUN CITY/MENIFEE AREAS, WHICH YOU HAVE NOT HEARD FROM YET TONIGHT. AND I AM NOT SURE THAT -- OUR CITY MANAGER'S ON VACATION AND IS NOT HERE TO SPEAK FOR THE CITY OF PERRIS. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK AS A CITIZEN. THE CITY OF PERRIS IS ON RECORD STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF THIS PROJECT, ALTERNATIVES ONE AND FIVE. 15.10

WE ARE THE CITY THAT SITS IMMEDIATELY SOUTH AND WESTERLY UP TO ABOUT RAMONA STREET IN REGARD TO THE MARCH AIR FORCE BASE. AND RIGHT NOW WE HAVE OVER 10,000 -- IT'S MORE LIKE 12,000 -- PLANNED RESIDENTIAL UNITS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN APPROVED, AND THEY'RE IN THEIR VARIOUS FORMS OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY.

THE LAND BETWEEN MARCH AIR FORCE BASE AND THE DOWNTOWN CITY OF PERRIS HAS BEEN SET ASIDE FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. AND WE HAVE BEEN CAREFUL

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NOT TO PUT TOO MANY HOUSES TOO CLOSE TO THE BASE. AND IT'S BEEN A HARD FIGHT, BUT WE ARE WINNING THAT FIGHT.

AND, ALSO, THERE'S A 6 MILLION GALLON PER DAY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IN OUR CITY THAT IS NOW IN PROCESS AND SERVES OUR COMMUNITY AND THAT CAN SERVE CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE BASE.

AND WE ALSO HOST 200 UNITS OF ENLISTED MEN, PERSONNEL OR -- THAT ACTUALLY LIVE RIGHT -- IF THEY DON'T LIVE NEXT TO THE BASE, THEY LIVE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR CITY. AND THEY ARE VERY WELCOME. WE ARE VERY PROUD TO HAVE THEM, THEY ARE AN ASSET TO OUR COMMUNITY. AND WE'D BE VERY HAPPY TO HAVE MORE.

AND I THINK THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THAT OUR COMMUNITY, BOTH THE PERRIS AND SUN CITY COMMUNITIES, STRONGLY SUPPORT MARCH AIR FORCE BASE AND ITS ROLE AND ITS MISSION, AND WE WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO SEE THE BSD MOVE OUT TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE.

I AGREE WITH ALL THE COMMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE BY OUR LOCAL OFFICIALS, BOTH ELECTED AND NONELECTED. THANK YOU.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. ASHLEY. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. HENRY WAGNER, FOLLOWED BY MR. STEVE ALBRIGHT.

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MR. WAGNER: COLONEL MORRISON, MY NAME IS HENRY WAGNER. I AM A RESIDENT OF SUN CITY. I AM A RETIRED AEROSPACE ENGINEER, A VETERAN OF WORLD WAR II.

DURING THE LATE FIFTIES, I WORKED ON THE U.S. AIR FORCE ATLAS WEAPONS SYSTEM IN SAN DIEGO, AND DURING THE 1960'S, I WORKED ON THE MINUTEMAN WEAPON SYSTEM AT CAPE CANAVERAL, FLORIDA.

15.7 THE AIR FORCE SHOULD NOT MOVE ITS SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION NOR ITS BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, BECAUSE MARCH AIR FORCE BASE IS A TARGET FOR ENEMY SURPRISE ATTACK. AS WERE ATTACKS ON PEARL HARBOR, HIROSHIMA, NAGASAKI, GRENADA, LIBYA, PANAMA AND THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN TEHRAN. I BELIEVE THAT WAS THE AIRPORT IN LEBANON.

PEARL HARBOR WAS ATTACKED BECAUSE IT WAS THE BASE FOR REFUELING TANKERS WHICH MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR FIGHTING SHIPS TO STAY AT SEA OR REACH DISTANCE TARGETS AND RETURN. MARCH AIR FORCE BASE TANKERS MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR BOMBERS, FIGHTERS AND TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT TO REACH DISTANT TARGETS, MUCH AS GRENADA, LIBYA, PANAMA, AND IRAN.

AT PEARL HARBOR, CONVENTIONAL BOMBS WERE DROPPED AND KILLED OR WOUNDED APPROXIMATELY 3,000

NAVAL AND MILITARY PERSONNEL.

AT HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI, ATOM BOMBS WERE DROPPED. ONE ATOM BOMB KILLED, WOUNDED OR VAPORIZED 130,000 PEOPLE IN HIROSHIMA. ONE ATOM BOMB ON NAGASAKI KILLED, WOUNDED OR VAPORIZED 66,000 MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

OUR SURPRISE ATTACKS ON GRENADA, LIBYA, PANAMA, WERE MADE POSSIBLE BY THE USE OF TANKER AIRCRAFT FOR REFUELING BOMBER AIRCRAFT IN FLIGHT. OUR ENEMIES WILL WANT TO DESTROY OUR TANKER AIRCRAFT FIRST IN THEIR FUTURE SURPRISE ATTACKS.

THE SURPRISE ATTACK ON U. S. MARINE HEADQUARTERS BY A SUICIDE TERRORIST IN BEIRUT AIRPORT KILLED 241 MARINES AND SAILORS.

MARCH AIR FORCE BASE COULD BE ATTACKED WITH A NUCLEAR BOMB. OUR STRATEGIC PLANNERS SHOULD PROTECT OUR SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION, OUR BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION, SAC, AND BY DEEP-BASING THEM AWAY FROM THE OCEAN, ON OUR GREAT PLAINS, AWAY FROM ALL OTHER CITIES, JUST AS OUR ICBM'S ARE IN SILOS AWAY FROM THE COAST AND AWAY FROM LARGE CITIES.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. WAGNER. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. STEVE ALBRIGHT, FOLLOWED BY MR. DAVID SNYDER.

MR. ALBRIGHT: COLONEL WAGNER, IT'S A 15.10

15.10 PLEASURE TO VISIT WITH YOU FOR THE SECOND NIGHT IN A ROW AND OFFER SOME TESTIMONY WITH REGARD TO OUR SUPPORT FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AND THE RETENTION OF THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION IN SAN BERNARDINO.

MY NAME IS STEVE ALBRIGHT AND I AM A CHAIRMAN OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT WAS FORMED FOR THIS PURPOSE. IT'S CALLED THE INLAND EMPIRE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION RELOCATION GROUP. LAST NIGHT, I HAD ENTERED INTO THE PUBLIC RECORD A PUBLICATION WHICH WE HAVE PUT FORTH TO OFFER SOME OF THE ADVANTAGES THAT WE SEE FOR LOCATING THESE FACILITIES OR KEEPING THESE FACILITIES IN THE INLAND EMPIRE. IT'S CALLED "CHOOSE MARCH AIR FORCE BASE. AIM HIGH. CHOOSE MARCH." IT'S IN THE RECORD. I WILL OFFER MORE COPIES TO YOU THIS EVENING ALSO.

I'D LIKE TO DO SOMETHING FOR YOU THIS EVENING THAT I DIDN'T DO LAST NIGHT, AND THAT'S ADDRESS SOMETHING WHICH WE FEEL IS VERY IMPORTANT IN THE ULTIMATE DECISION MAKING AS IT IMPACTS THE SOCIOECONOMIC ANALYSIS THAT YOU ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DOING. AND THAT IS THE HOME AFFORDABILITY.

I'D LIKE TO QUOTE FROM A COUPLE SOURCES TO IDENTIFY SOME STATISTICS FOR YOU, WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO TONIGHT BY SOME OF THE SPEAKERS.

IN JULY OF THIS YEAR, THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS QUOTES THAT THE AVERAGE HOME PRICE IN RIVERSIDE/SAN BERNARDINO WAS HIT 133, ALMOST $140,000. THE LIKE NUMBER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS $215,000.

NOW, THESE NUMBERS WILL VARY DEPENDING ON THE SOURCE, BUT THE TREND WILL REMAIN THE SAME.

THE TRW REAL ESTATE INFORMATION SERVICES IN JULY QUOTED AN AVERAGE PRICE IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY OF AVERAGING ABOUT $142,00 FOR A HOME, AND IN L.A. COUNTY $237,000 PER HOME

AND THEN, FINALLY, THE LOS ANGELES TIMES QUOTES THE AVERAGE PRICE -- AND I WILL GET MORE SPECIFIC HERE -- FOR THE ZONE THAT IS IMMEDIATELY AROUND MARCH AIR FORCE BASE AS AN AVERAGE PRICE -- THIS IS FOR MARCH OF THIS YEAR -- OF $119,000, AND THE AVERAGE PRICE IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO EL SEGUNDO AT HITTING $223,000.

SO THE KIND OF NUMBERS THAT YOU -- OR THE KIND OF THEORY THAT YOU HAVE HEARD THIS EVENING, I HOPE THIS BACKS IT UP WITH SOME NUMBERS.

FINALLY, LET ME CONCLUDE MY TESTIMONY THIS EVENING BY CHALLENGING YOU TO RESPOND IN THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT BY SUMMARIZING SOME OF THE THINGS THAT YOU HAVE

ALREADY HEARD AND I AM CONVINCED THAT YOU WILL STILL HEAR. AND I WILL NAME FIVE ITEMS: FIRST, ENDANGERED SPECIES. YOU DID HAVE MR. WALES TELL YOU THAT WE BELIEVE THAT RIVERSIDE COUNTY AND THE CITIES THAT ARE IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE COUNTY ARE ADEQUATELY ADDRESSING FOR A HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN THE ENDANGERED SPECIES, THE KANGAROO RAT. 13.2

WE WOULD CHALLENGE YOU TO COME OUT WITH AN IMPACT STATEMENT TO SAY THAT WE ARE NOT DOING IT ADEQUATELY, TO SAY THAT IT WOULD PREEMPT THE RELOCATION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE.

SECONDLY, WE OFFER THAT THERE IS ADEQUATE LAND AVAILABLE FOR SUPPORT FACILITIES AROUND THE BASE WHICH ARE REASONABLY PRICED, PLANNED, HAVE THEIR LAND USE ENTITLEMENTS, AND ARE NOT IMPACTED BY THE STEPHEN'S KANGAROO RAT.

THIRD, THAT -- AND YOU WILL HEAR ABOUT TRANSPORTATION -- THAT THERE ARE ACTIVITIES AND PLANS IN PLACE TO SOLVE WHATEVER YOU MAY SEE AS TRANSPORTATION OR TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN AND AROUND THE MARCH AIR FORCE BASE. 15.21

FOURTH, THAT THERE ARE ADEQUATE WATER AND UTILITIES TO SERVICE THE NEEDS OF NOT ONLY THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AT MARCH AIR FORCE BASE,

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BUT TO ADEQUATELY COVER THE NEEDS OF FUTURE GROWTH THAT IS PROJECTED FOR OUR REGION. 15.21

AND, FIFTH -- AND YOU HAVE HEARD A GOOD BIT ABOUT IT THIS EVENING -- IS AIR QUALITY. WE DEFINITELY CHALLENGE YOU THAT THE STATEMENTS IN THE DRAFT REPORT ARE NOT ONLY INACCURATE, BUT THEY ARE MISLEADING TO WHAT ACTUALLY WOULD OCCUR WOULD THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION RELOCATE OUT HERE.

AS THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEE TO THE SOUTH COAST DISTRICT AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, AS A BOARD MEMBER WHO FOLLOWS THIS PRETTY CLOSELY, WE BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE POSITIVE IMPACTS WHICH COULD RESULT FROM THE RELOCATION OF EMPLOYEES FROM WEST TO EAST WHICH WOULD REDUCE THEIR COMMUTING DISTANCES AND WOULD, THEREFORE, REDUCE AUTO EMISSIONS IN AND AROUND THE BASE. 11.1

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU AND WE HOPE YOU WILL ADDRESS THESE THINGS IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. ALBRIGHT. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. DAVID SNYDER, FOLLOWED BY MR. STEVE PONTELL.

MR. SNYDER: GOOD EVENING, COLONEL MORRISON, AND PANEL MEMBERS. I AM DAVE SNYDER, A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST FOR THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

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I AM HERE TONIGHT TO EXPRESS THE DEPARTMENT'S STRONG SUPPORT THAT THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION REMAIN IN CALIFORNIA. THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT UNDERSTATES THE TREMENDOUS NEGATIVE IMPACT THAT LOSS OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION WOULD HAVE ON CALIFORNIA'S ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT SHOULD AN OUT-OF-STATE RELOCATION TAKE PLACE. 15.20

CALIFORNIA STANDS TO BE IMPACTED MORE THAN ANY OTHER STATE BY REDUCTIONS IN DEFENSE SPENDING. THERE HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCEMENTS TO CLOSE SIX MILITARY BASES IN OUR STATE, AND ELEVEN MORE ARE BEING CONSIDERED.

IN ADDITION, MANY OF THE MAJOR DEFENSE CONTRACTORS HAVE ANNOUNCED MAJOR LAYOFFS AT THEIR CALIFORNIA PLANTS DUE TO REDUCTIONS IN DEFENSE SYSTEM ACQUISITIONS.

THESE PRIVATE SECTOR LAYOFFS TO DATE HAVE AFFECTED AS MANY AS 20,000 WORKERS. AN, DISCUSSION OF THE IMPACT OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION RELOCATION OUT-OF-STATE MUST BE MADE WITH THIS ALREADY HEAVY BURDEN FIRMLY IN MIND.

ADDITIONALLY, MUCH OF THE DIVISION'S OPERATIONS ARE IN COOPERATION WITH PRIVATE CONTRACTORS IN THE AREA. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT MOVING THE DIVISION OUT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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WOULD IMPACT THESE IMPORTANT JOBS AS WELL.

INDEED, IF LOSS OF THE DIVISION DAMAGES CALIFORNIA'S REPUTATION AS THE LEADING STATE FOR AEROSPACE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, FIRMS NOT EVEN CONNECTED WITH THE DIVISION MAY CHOOSE OUT-OF-STATE RELOCATION.

THE COMBINATION OF WORK FORCE REDUCTION IS ALREADY ANNOUNCED AND THE LINKAGES BETWEEN SSD AND OTHER COMPANIES IMPLY THAT THE EMPLOYMENT LOSS ESTIMATES USED IN THIS EIS ARE SIGNIFICANTLY UNDERSTATED. AS A RESULT, THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ARE ALSO UNDERSTATED.

IN CALIFORNIA, A STRONG ECONOMY AND CLEAN ENVIRONMENT ARE MUTUALLY DEPENDENT. A WEAKENED ECONOMY WOULD UNDERMINE THE ABILITY OF LOCAL, REGIONAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS TO IMPLEMENT ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS.

IN CONCLUSION, RELOCATION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION OUTSIDE CALIFORNIA WOULD BE A COSTLY AND UNNECESSARY EXPENDITURE OF DECREASING DEFENSE MONIES.

THE STATE FULLY SUPPORTS EFFORTS BY ITS COMMUNITIES TO DEMONSTRATE THE COST SAVINGS AVAILABLE TO THE AIR FORCE BY STAYING IN CALIFORNIA. WE ENCOURAGE THE AIR FORCE TO MAKE MORE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE CUMULATIVE

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IMPACT OF ITS RECENT DECISIONS ON CALIFORNIA'S ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT. THANK YOU.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. SNYDER. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. STEVE PONTELL, FOLLOWED BY MR. JOHN GLASGOW.

MR. PONTELL: THANK YOU, COLONEL, MEMBERS OF THE PANEL. MY NAME IS STEVE PONTELL. MY OFFICE IS AT 800 NORTH HAVEN, SUITE 100, IN ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA.

LAST NIGHT, I MENTIONED SIX ADDITIONAL FACTORS WHICH I BELIEVE SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FROM A MAN-MADE OR PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT PERSPECTIVE.

TO QUICKLY REITERATE, NUMBER ONE, THE UNIVERSITY EDUCATION SYSTEM OF ANY OF THE POTENTIAL AREAS: NUMBER TWO, THE LABOR FORCE, THE SIZE, THE SKILL, AND THE AVAILABILITY: NUMBER THREE, HEALTH CARE INFRASTRUCTURE, ITS ABILITY TO SERVE ANY PARTICULAR NEED: NUMBER FOUR, THE FUTURE TRANSPORTATION PLANS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS OF INFRASTRUCTURE IN AN AREA: NUMBER FIVE, CRITICAL HOUSING FACTORS, SUCH AS THE POSSIBILITY OF APPRECIATION IN VALUE, THE HOUSING MIX, HOUSING AFFORDABILITY: NUMBER SIX, RECREATION.

TONIGHT, I WOULD LIKE TO PAINT A PICTURE

OF A LARGE, DYNAMIC REGION PLANNING FOR ITS FUTURE, GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT. COMPARING THE INLAND EMPIRE'S REGION TO INDIVIDUAL CITIES IS LIKE COMPARING APPLES TO ORANGES. THE INLAND EMPIRE IS AN AREA LARGER THAN MANY STATES WITH A POPULATION OF CLOSE TO 3,000,000 PEOPLE, AND ALL OF THE RESOURCES IN PLACE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ITS POPULATION. WE ARE A HOMOGENEOUS, INTEGRATED REGION THAT IS COOPERATIVE AND WELL PLANNED WITH 47 CITIES AND 2.2 COUNTIES. WE HAVE OVER 741,500 JOBS WITHIN OUR REGION, 980,000 EMPLOYED PERSONS, WHICH WOULD CALCULATE TO A MINIMUM NUMBER OF 240,000 DAILY COMMUTERS WHO ARE READY TO WORK CLOSER TO HOME.

IN MARCH OF '89, THERE WAS 5.1 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE IN THE INLAND EMPIRE. IN MARCH OF 1990, OVER 6.2 MILLION, WITH A 20 PERCENT INCREASE IN OFFICE CAPACITY.

THERE'S APPROXIMATELY 60,000,000 SQUARE FEET OF INDUSTRIAL SPACE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE INLAND EMPIRE, WITH APPROXIMATELY 8,000,000 SQUARE FEET ABSORBED IN 1989/'90.

GENERAL DYNAMICS, LOCKHEED, TRW, ROCKWELL, DEVELOPMENTAL SCIENCES, TO NAME A FEW, ARE SOME OF THE DEFENSE-RELATED COMPANIES CURRENTLY OPERATING WITHIN THE INLAND EMPIRE THAT

HAVE FOUND IT EXTREMELY PRUDENT TO BE HERE.

OUR REGION IS ALSO INTEGRALLY LINKED TO THE LOS ANGELES BASIN AS A WHOLE AND, AS SUCH, WOULD PROVIDE THE VALUABLE LINKAGE TO THE ENTIRE DEFENSE INDUSTRY.

AN ADDITIONAL ISSUE WHICH SHOULD POSSIBLY BE LOOKED AT IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT IS WITH REGARD TO THE TRAVEL TIME, COSTS OF DOING BUSINESS, TIME ZONES AND BUSINESS EFFICIENCY OF BEING LOCATED CLOSE TO THE MAJOR SUPPORT SYSTEMS FOR THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION, PRIMARILY THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND THE DEFENSE COMPANIES WITHIN THE L.A. BASIN.

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I WOULD INVITE THE ADDITIONAL DIVISIONS OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION TO JOIN THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION DIVISION IN THE INLAND EMPIRE AND TO PROSPER IN OUR ENVIRONMENT.

TO ALSO SUBMIT INTO THE RECORD, I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT THREE REPORTS, TWO OF WHICH WOULD DEAL SPECIFICALLY WITH THE ECONOMY, WITH NUMEROUS STATISTICS ON THE REGION, AND ONE WHICH DEALS SPECIFICALLY WITH TRANSPORTATION ISSUES. I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. PONTELL. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. JOHN GLASGOW, FOLLOWED BY MR. HARLEY KNOX.

MR. GLASGOW: I AM JOHN GLASGOW WITH REGIONAL PROPERTIES. WE ARE AT 200 EAST ALESSANDRO IN RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA.

I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY SAYING THAT REGIONAL PROPERTIES AND ITS PRINCIPALS FULLY SUPPORT THE MOVE OF SSD TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE. BASED ON OUR REVIEW OF THE IMPACT STATEMENT, I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS MY COMMENTS TO THREE PARAGRAPHS IN THE EVALUATION OF MARCH AIR FORCE BASE ON PAGE 2-26, UNDER SITE NUMBER ONE.

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I AM ADDRESSING SITE NUMBER ONE SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE REGIONAL PROPERTIES HAS A CURRENT PROJECT UNDER WAY KNOWN AS MISSION GROVE, REFERRED TO IN THE IMPACT STATEMENT AS ALESSANDRO HEIGHTS. MISSION GROVE IS A 400-ACRE MASTER-PLANNED BUSINESS COMMUNITY IMMEDIATELY WEST OF AND ABUTTING THE WEST END OF MARCH AIR FORCE BASE.

FIRST, UNDER PARAGRAPH ENTITLED "SITE CONSTRAINTS AND REQUIREMENTS," THE IMPACT STATEMENT STATES THAT DEVELOPMENT OF PORTIONS OF SITE ONE MAY BE RESTRICTED OR LIMITED DUE TO THE KANGAROO RAT.

IN CONDUCTING A COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY OF OVER 550 ACRES OF MISSION GROVE, THE BIOLOGY FIRM OF RBR & ASSOCIATES DETERMINED THAT THERE WAS ONLY

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A SINGLE -- JUST ONE -- KANGAROO RAT IN ALL OF THE 550 ACRES OF OUR PROJECT.

13.5 THEREFORE, WE HOPEFULLY CONCLUDE THAT YOU WOULD HAVE A SIMILAR FINDING ON THE PROPERTY IMMEDIATELY NEXT DOOR ALONG THE AIR FORCE BASE.

SECOND, IN PARAGRAPH ENTITLED "ACCESSIBILITY," THE IMPACT STATEMENT ONLY DISCUSSES CACTUS AVENUE TO THE EAST OF SITE ONE, AND FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST TWO OTHER POSSIBLE MEANS OF ACCESS. ONE WOULD BE BARTON STREET VIA ALESSANDRO. BARTON IS APPROXIMATELY 1,200 FEET LONG, IS A TWO-LANE PAVED STREET THAT DEAD-ENDS DIRECTLY INTO THE AIR FORCE BASE.

3.6 IF NECESSARY, REGIONAL PROPERTY, WHO HAS PROPERTY ABUTTING BARTON, WOULD CERTAINLY DEDICATE THE NECESSARY LAND TO IMPROVE BARTON TO ADDITIONAL LANES IF NECESSARY.

AND, SECONDLY, SINCE THE COMMON PROPERTY LINE BETWEEN OUR PROPERTY AND MARCH AIR FORCE BASE IS ALMOST A MILE LONG, THERE IS CERTAINLY AMPLE OPPORTUNITY IN THE COMING DEVELOPMENT OF MISSION GROVE TO PROVIDE ROADS FROM MISSION GROVE PARKWAY OVER TO THE PROPERTY LINE, IF NEED BE, AND IF THAT WOULD BE SUITABLE.

5.4 *AND, THIRD, IN THE PARAGRAPH ENTITLED*

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"ADJACENT LAND USES," I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT MISSION GROVE IS COMPRISED OF MANY LAND USES THAT WOULD SUPPORT THE OFF-BASE SUBCONTRACTORS AND *THEIR FAMILIES THAT WOULD BE MOVING TO MARCH AIR* FORCE BASE. 5.4

FIRST OF ALL, WITH RESPECT TO INDUSTRIAL AND OFFICE LAND, WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 292 ACRES ZONED M.P., WHICH IS LIGHT INDUSTRIAL. WE ARE NOW COMPLETING THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF STREETS AND UTILITIES ON 55 ACRES OF THAT FIRST PHASE OF MISSION GROVE BUSINESS PARK. WE HAVE PARCELS IN THAT DEVELOPMENT OF ONE TO TEN ACRES.

WITHIN THE BUSINESS PARK THAT I HAVE JUST MENTIONED, WE HAVE JUST PULLED BUILDING PERMITS ON A 72,000-SQUARE-FOOT FACILITY THAT IS SEVEN BUILDINGS ON A PARCEL OF SEVEN ACRES. THAT IS GOING TO START CONSTRUCTION ALMOST IMMEDIATELY.

WITH RESPECT TO COMMERCIAL, ON MISSION GROVE, WE ARE CURRENTLY DEVELOPING A 42-ACRE, 400,000-SQUARE-FOOT SHOPPING CENTER THAT WILL BE ANCHORED BY K MART, RALPH'S FOOD STORES AND PAYLESS DRUGS. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING THAT RIGHT NOW AND IT SHOULD BE READY IN APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR, IN THE FALL OF 1991.

THEN, WITH RESPECT TO RESIDENTIAL *PROPERTY, WE PRESENTLY HAVE 120 ACRES OF -- EXCUSE*

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ME -- 120 UNITS OF MISSION GROVE APARTMENTS THAT CONSISTENTLY ARE 95 OR MORE PERCENT LEASED WITH 208 UNITS TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION IMMEDIATELY. THAT IS IN A SECOND PHASE OF THAT PROJECT.

ALSO, WITHIN MISSION GROVE, THERE IS ADDITIONAL PROPERTY ZONED R-330, THAT WILL ACCOMMODATE ANOTHER 650 UNITS OF APARTMENTS THAT IS PRESENTLY BEING PLANNED.

I HAVE LEFT A WRITTEN COPY OF OUR STATEMENT AND, AGAIN, ON BEHALF OF REGIONAL PROPERTIES, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUBMITTING OUR COMMENTS TO YOU AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING SSD COME TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE. THANK YOU.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. GLASGOW. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. HARLEY KNOX, FOLLOWED BY MISS YOLANDA KIDDOO.

MR. KNOX: COLONEL MORRISON, MEMBERS OF THE PANEL, GOOD EVENING. I AM HARLEY KNOX, 24560 MANDINA AVENUE, MORENO VALLEY.

COUNCILMAN DAVID NORSPOOL WAS HERE EARLIER THIS EVENING TO SPEAK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT MORENO VALLEY, THE CITY THAT IS CONTIGUOUS TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE ON THE EAST AND NORTH, AND HE RAN OUT OF THE TIME, AS HE OFTEN DOES, AND HE DIDN'T HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MENTION THAT THERE

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ARE TWO NEW HOSPITALS IN MORENO VALLEY WITHIN APPROXIMATELY THREE, THREE AND A HALF MILES OF MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, ONE OF THEM JUST COMPLETED. THE GRAND OPENING WILL BE IN ANOTHER WEEK, A 350-BED HOSPITAL BUILT BY KEMET VALLEY HOSPITAL DISTRICT. AND THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL WILL BE LOCATED ALSO WITHIN ABOUT THREE, THREE AND A HALF MILES OF MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, AND THAT WILL BE, I BELIEVE, ABOUT 475 BEDS, AND IS THE COUNTY'S MAJOR TRAUMA CENTER.

I AM HERE TONIGHT TO REPRESENT THE SILVER EAGLES. THE SILVER EAGLES WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT WHAT SEEMS TO BE AN OMISSION IN THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. THAT IS, COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE SITES CONSIDERED FOR THE FUTURE HOME OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION.

ART PICK SPOKE ELOQUENTLY ABOUT THE HISTORY OF MARCH AIR FORCE BASE. HE WENT BACK TO 1917 WHEN COMMUNITY LEADERS -- COMMUNITY BUSINESS PEOPLE FROM RIVERSIDE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GAVE 640 ACRES TO THE WAR DEPARTMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AIR BASE.

SUPPORT FOR MARCH HAS ALWAYS BEEN STRONG, AND NEVER STRONGER THAN IT IS TODAY. THERE ARE MANY MARCH AIR FORCE BASE SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS IN

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OUR AREA: THE MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEES FROM THE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE THAT ART PICK SPOKE ABOUT, HONORARY COMMANDERS, AND THE SILVER EAGLES.

SILVER EAGLES IS COMPRISED OF KEY COMMUNITY LEADERS FROM THE INLAND EMPIRE DEDICATED TO PROVIDING POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR MARCH AIR FORCE BASE LOCALLY AND THE AIR FORCE MISSION IN GENERAL.

THE SILVER EAGLES PROVIDE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SUPPORT TO THE AIR FORCE PERSONNEL OF MARCH AIR FORCE BASE AND LOBBY IN WASHINGTON, D.C., FOR THE AIR FORCE MISSION AND NEW WEAPON SYSTEMS. WE ARE STRONG SUPPORTERS OF THE STEALTH BOMBER AND FIGHTER PROGRAMS, AND ARE LONG-TIME BACKERS OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS PROGRAMS OF THE AIR FORCE.

PLEASE BE AWARE, GENTLEMEN, THAT THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN STRONG LOCAL SUPPORT FOR MARCH AND THAT SUPPORT IS WELL ORGANIZED, WELL FUNDED, AND VERY DEDICATED TO OUR AIR FORCE PEOPLE, MARCH AIR FORCE BASE AND THE UNITED STATES MISSION AS WELL.

WE EXTEND OUR SUPPORT TO THE PERSONNEL OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AND THEIR MISSION. WE WELCOME THEM TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE AND OUR HOME, THE INLAND EMPIRE. THE SILVER EAGLES ASKS THAT YOU RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF THIS STRONG AIR FORCE

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SUPPORT AS AN ASSET. WE RECOMMEND YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THE SOCIAL, FINANCIAL AND POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT THE AIR FORCE ENJOYS AT MARCH AIR FORCE BASE WHEN WEIGHING THIS DYNAMIC AREA AGAINST OTHER OPTIONS. THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. KNOX. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MS. YOLANDA KIDDOO, FOLLOWED BY MR. TODD BEELER. MR. BEELER? MR. BEELER WILL BE FOLLOWED BY MR. JACK REAGAN.

MR. BEELER: COLONEL MORRISON AND MEMBERS OF THE REVIEW TEAM, I AM TODD BEELER, DEPUTY PLANNING DIRECTOR OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY, AND WHILE OUR DEPARTMENT IS REVIEWING THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED WITHIN THE REVIEW TIME, I'D LIKE TO CLARIFY OR AT LEAST SPECIFY SPECIFIC COMMENTS TONIGHT ON THE -- YOU HAVE HEARD FROM ALMOST EVERY SPEAKER -- THE CONTEXT OF THE JOB-HOUSING BALANCE DISCUSSION, AND WHILE THAT IS -- THAT HAS BEEN GENERICALLY REFERRED TO TONIGHT, THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THIS PROPOSAL SHOULD, IN FACT, VERY SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS THE REGIONAL AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN THAT HAS BEEN REFERRED TO BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT AND OUR BOARD AND SOME

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OTHER MEMBERS. BUT THE REGIONAL AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN IS NOT ONLY THAT, BUT IT'S BEEN ADOPTED INTO THE STATE LEVEL AND IS A PART OF THE STATE'S IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO ATTAIN THE STATE AND FEDERAL STANDARDS AND IS, IN FACT, REFERENCED MOST RECENTLY IN THE FEDERAL EPA'S FEDERAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN IN RESPONSE TO ALL-TOO-OBVIOUS AIR QUALITY PROBLEMS WITHIN THE BASIN.

BUT, SPECIFICALLY, COMMENTS TONIGHT ON THE JOBS-HOUSING BALANCE, THAT IS, IN FACT, A CONTROL MEASURE UNDER THE TITLE OF GROWTH MANAGEMENT IN THE REGIONAL PLAN, AND IT HAS EXPECTATIONS OF THE LOCAL JURISDICTIONS THAT FOUR COUNTIES AND THE 137-PLUS CITIES IN THIS BASIN TO SPECIFICALLY DEAL WITH IMPROVEMENTS IN THE LAND USE PATTERNS WITHIN THOSE COMMUNITIES TO IMPROVE THE JOBS-HOUSING BALANCE WITHIN THIS REGION.

THAT MEASURE HAS IN FACT VERY SPECIFIC MITIGATION AND MEASURABLE AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE AIR BASIN WHICH THE EXISTING AIR FORCE L.A. FACILITY IS WITHIN, AND THE PROPOSED MARCH RELOCATION ARE BOTH WITHIN THE SAME AIR BASIN. AND THE DRAFT IMPACT STATEMENT, BASED ON A VERY CURSORY REVIEW THIS AFTERNOON BY MYSELF OF THAT DOCUMENT, SEEMS TO DRAMATICALLY MISS THE ISSUE AND I THINK MAY SIGNIFICANTLY OVERSTATE THE IMPACTS.

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AIR QUALITY IMPACTS.

IN FACT, THE JOBS-HOUSING BALANCE SHIFT OF MANY OF THE JOBS THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED TO A VERY JOBS-POOR SUBREGION WITHIN THIS BASIN MAY HAVE A VERY POSITIVE EFFECT, AND THIS PROPOSAL AND THE POTENTIAL RELOCATION OF THE ENTIRE FACILITY, AS THE DOCUMENT TALKS ABOUT, MAY ACTUALLY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY, THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY, TO DRAMATICALLY IMPROVE THE EXISTING PROBLEM.

AND IN RESPONSE TO THE -- THESE ISSUES IN THE FINAL DOCUMENT, I THINK THAT THE MODELING THAT'S RUN THROUGH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS MAY BE SIGNIFICANTLY VALUED TO DEMONSTRATE THE BENEFIT THAT THE RELOCATION OF THAT MAGNITUDE OF JOBS TO THIS PORTION OF THE REGION WOULD HAVE, LIKE I SAID, A VERY POSITIVE EFFECT.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. BEELER. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. JACK REAGAN, FOLLOWED BY MR. JOHN HUTCHISON.

MR. REAGAN: FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS JACK REAGAN. I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION.

I HAVE SUBMITTED SOME WRITTEN COMMENTS, WHICH I WILL ATTEMPT TO SUMMARIZE. IT WILL TAKE FAR LONGER THAN FIVE MINUTES TO GO THROUGH IT.

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THE NATURE OF THESE COMMENTS ARE VERY TECHNICAL, AND ARE CONFINED TO TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC ISSUES.

THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION WAS CREATED BY SPECIAL LEGISLATION IN 1976. OUR RESPONSIBILITY PRIMARILY DEALS WITH TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING, BUT WE ARE ALSO THE AGENCY THAT ADMINISTERS A ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES TAX THAT WAS APPROVED BY RIVERSIDE COUNTY VOTERS BY NEARLY AN 80 PERCENT MAJORITY IN NOVEMBER OF 1988. AND I AM HERE TO TRY TO GET THE MESSAGE ACROSS TO YOU TONIGHT THAT WE HAVE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS IN PLACE TO DEAL WITH THE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS THAT MAY BE RELATED TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE AND FURTHER ANTICIPATED GROWTH WITHIN THE REGION.

WITH RESPECT TO THE I-215 FREEWAY UPDATE PROJECT, THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT DRAFT CORRECTLY NOTES THAT A PROJECT IS PENDING. IN FACT, WE ARE READY TO -- CALTRANS IS READY TO PROMOTE THAT PROJECT OR ADVERTISE IT IN DECEMBER OF 1990, AND IT SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY 1993.

BUT I -- FROM OUR READING AND THE READING OF OUR CONSULTING ENGINEERS, BECHTEL CIVIL, INC., THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT MAY NOT INCLUDE CORRECT INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE BENEFITS

OF THAT NEW I-215 PROJECT.

EXISTING I-215 IS A TWO-LANE EXPRESSWAY, WITH THAT GRADE OF CROSSINGS AND LOCAL ACCESS OF PROPERTIES AND LOCAL STREETS. THE PROJECT WOULD UPGRADE THAT FACILITY TO A FULL FREEWAY STANDARD AND A SIX-LANE PROJECT: THAT IS, THREE LANES IN EACH DIRECTION. RATHER THAN LEVEL OF E & F SERVICE THAT'S IDENTIFIED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, OUR CONSULTING ENGINEERS AT BECHTEL INDICATE THAT USING THE FORECASTED TRACK THAT'S DOCUMENTED IN THE EIS, THAT WE HAVE LEVEL B SERVICE AT THE PROJECTED YEAR, EITHER WITH THE BASE CASE SCENARIO OR WITH EITHER OF THE SITES THAT ARE IDENTIFIED ON GROUPS OF MARCH AIR FORCE BASE.

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WE CONCLUDE THAT BEFORE TRAFFIC IS REALLY GOING TO GET BAD DURING PEAK HOUR, YOU COULD PROBABLY ACCOMODATE AS MUCH AS 120,000 CARS PER DAY ON A FACILITY SUCH AS BEING BUILT ON I-215. THERE IS A SECTION OF I-215 BETWEEN ROUTE 60 AND THE ROUTE 91/215/60 JUNCTION IN RIVERSIDE THAT APPROACHES 130,000 VEHICLES PER DAY NOW AND ONLY HAS CONGESTION DURING THE PEAK HOUR.

SO THE I-215 PROJECTS AND THE UPGRADES, INCLUDING THESE INTERCHANGES AT ALESSANDRO, CACTUS, VAN BUREN AND OLEANDER WILL DRAMATICALLY

IMPROVE ACCESS TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE.

IT'S INTERESTING TO NOTE, TOO, THAT

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THE -- THERE WILL BE WIDENING OF LOCAL STREETS AT ALESSANDRO, CACTUS, VAN BUREN AND OLEANDER, SOME DISTANCE BACK FROM THE INTERCHANGE FROM A MINIMUM OF APPROXIMATELY A THOUSAND FEET TO AS MUCH AS A HALF MILE IN THE CASE OF CACTUS AVENUE.

I'D LIKE TO ALSO MENTION -- WE CAN GO ON TO THE NEXT EXHIBIT -- THAT MEASURE "A", AGAIN, WHICH IS APPROVED BY VOTERS IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY, HAS A SPECIFIC PLAN FOR SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS. AND PART OF THE MEASURE "A" PROGRAM INCLUDED THESE ADDITIONAL PROJECTS THAT ARE TO BE IMPLEMENTED. AND THESE ARE WITHIN THE ADOPTED STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. IT'S A MONEY PROGRAM -- YOU HAVE MEASURED "A" MONEY OR STATE MONEY.

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THESE ROUTES INVOLVE FREEWAY WIDENING OR HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THAT WILL DIRECTLY BENEFIT INCREASES AND IMPROVEMENTS IN TRAFFIC MOBILITY WITHIN THE INLAND EMPIRE REGION AND WILL AFFECT MARCH AIR FORCE BASE.

IF WE CAN GO TO EXHIBIT 3, THIS IS -- OR 4, I AM SORRY -- THIS IS A LISTING OF ADDITIONAL PROJECTS -- AGAIN, MORE HIGHWAY AND INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS AND THE LIKE -- WHICH WE ANTICIPATE

TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 1990 STIP THAT WILL BE -- OR 1990 STIP -- THAT IS MISLABELED HERE -- THAT WILL BE ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 20TH OF THIS YEAR. AND THIS ISN'T JUST A HOPE. I MEAN, THIS IS A STAFF RECOMMENDATION FROM CALTRANS, THE CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION. AND WE TALKED WITH THE COMMISSIONER. WE ARE VERY SURE THAT ALL THESE PROJECTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT-STAGE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

THE MESSAGE IS THAT WITHIN THE NEXT TEN YEARS, LET'S SAY, AS WE GO THROUGH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS AND THE ACTUAL AWARDING OF CONSTRUCTION FOR THESE PROJECTS, WE ARE GOING TO DRAMATICALLY IMPROVE, WITH STATE FUNDING AND MEASURE "A" FUNDING, MOBILITY WITHIN THE INLAND EMPIRE. AND WE ASK THAT YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THESE CUMULATIVE PROJECTS IN TERMS OF THE INFORMATION THAT'S DOCUMENTED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT DRAFT RELATED TO HIGHWAYS.

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WITH RESPECT TO LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS, I SHOULD ALSO -- I ALSO WANT TO MENTION THAT 40 PERCENT OF THE MEASURE "A" MONEY IS ALLOCATED TO THE CITIES AND THE COUNTY FOR LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS PROJECTS.

ALSO, PROPOSITION 111, WHICH WAS PASSED BY VOTERS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THIS LAST

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JUNE, INCLUDED SIGNIFICANT INCREASES OF FUNDING TO CITIES IN THE COUNTY, LOCAL COMMISSIONS OR STATE GAS TAX COMMISSIONS FOR LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS.

I GUESS THE MESSAGE IS IF WE FIND THAT ALESSANDRO OR VAN BUREN OR CACTUS AVENUE OR THESE LOCAL STREETS NEED TO BE WIDENED OR NEED TO BE IMPROVED IN ORDER TO MITIGATE IMPACTS THAT MAY BE DOCUMENTED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, I AM FAIRLY CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN GET COMMITMENTS FROM THESE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THROUGH THEIR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAMS TO MITIGATE THOSE IMPACTS. I SUSPECT THAT WE COULD GET SUCH COMMITMENTS PRIOR TO THE SEPTEMBER 24TH DEADLINE OF CONGRESS.

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I DON'T WANT TO BE REDUNDANT. IN MY WRITTEN COMMENTS, THERE IS SOME DISCUSSION OF THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE SSD JOB DEVELOPMENT IN RIVERSIDE TO COMMUTING PATTERNS, AND THAT REALLY RELATES TO THE JOB-HOUSING BALANCE ISSUE THAT -- OTHER SPEAKERS HAVE TOUCHED ON THAT, BUT IF YOU WOULD REVIEW MY TECHNICAL COMMENTS AS WELL.

I'D ALSO LIKE TO MENTION THAT OUR MEASURE "A" PROGRAM INCLUDES TRANSIT AND RIDE-SHARING PROGRAMS WHICH WE BELIEVE OR I BELIEVE WILL BE VERY EFFECTIVE OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS AS TRAFFIC MITIGATION -- THAT IS, YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOOK AT JUST TRANSPORTATION ON FREEWAYS OR

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LOCAL STREETS AS IT RELATES TO SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION.

OUR MEASURE "A" PLAN INCLUDED COMMUTER RAIL AS A TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT. AND WE ARE NOT UNIQUE. THERE ARE OTHER COUNTIES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA THAT ALSO HAVE IMPROVED SALES TAX MEASURES, OUR NEIGHBOR TO THE NORTH IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY HAS VOTER-APPROVED TAX. LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS VOTER-APPROVED TAX. THE ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION HAS PLACED ANOTHER MEASURE ON THE BALLOT FOR THIS NEXT JUNE. AND ALL OF THESE AGENCIES HAVE COMMUTER RAIL AND SALES TAX PLANS. THERE'S A COMMITMENT OF LOCAL SALES TAX FUNDS WITHIN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION FOR COMMUTER RAIL. WE ARE ALL WORKING TOGETHER TO NEGOTIATE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF RAIL RIGHTS-OF-WAY TO IMPLEMENT THE SYSTEM. VOTERS THIS LAST JUNE ALSO APPROVED STATEWIDE TWO-BOND MEASURES PROVIDING FUNDING FOR RAIL.

AND THE RAIL LINES THAT WOULD SERVE MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, ASSUMING THAT BY 2010, LET'S SAY, THE LEVEL OF COMMUTE ACTIVITY WOULD BE SUCH THAT THERE WOULD BE SUFFICIENT RANGE TO PROVIDE FOR REVERSE COMMUTE, FROM WEST LOS ANGELES/ORANGE COUNTY TO RIVERSIDE, THE RAIL LINES THAT WOULD SERVE MARCH AIR FORCE BASE WOULD BE THE

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SANTA FE/SAN BERNARDINO SUBDIVISION, WHICH WOULD COME FROM THE LOS ANGELES UNION PASSENGER TERMINAL, SOUTH TO FULLERTON, AND THEN ON TO RIVERSIDE, NORTH TO SAN BERNARDINO. AND, ALSO, THE SAN JACINTO SUBDIVISION, WHICH IS A RAIL LINE WE INTEND TO ACQUIRE THAT GOES FROM RIVERSIDE PAST MARCH AIR FORCE BASE TO PERRIS, AND THEN FURTHER EAST TO HEMET AND SAN JACINTO.

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WE INTEND FOR THESE TRAINS ULTIMATELY, WHEN WE GET TO AN INTERMEDIATE LEVEL OF SERVICE, TO BE TAKING PASSENGERS BOTH WAYS. AND NOT ONLY COMMUTERS TRIPS TO LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTY, BUT BRINGING THEM BACK THIS WAY AS WELL.

WE FIND THAT AS TRANSIT SYSTEMS IN URBANIZED AREAS MATURE, THAT THAT KIND OF TWO-WAY TRAFFIC DOES OCCUR. IT CERTAINLY HAS OCCURRED IN BART COUNTIES.

FINALLY, WE ASK THAT YOU NOT NEGLECT IN YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT CONSIDERATION OF RIDE-SHARING AND VAN POOL, BUS POOL ACTIVITIES AS A MITIGATION MEASURE. AGAIN, OUR MEASURE "A" PROGRAM INCLUDES SOME SHARE OF FUNDS TO HELP GENERATE MORE ACTIVITY IN THESE KINDS OF PROGRAMS, INCLUDING POTENTIAL FOR SUBSIDY FOR VAN POOLS AND BUS POOLS.

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THERE ARE CURRENTLY FUNDS THAT ARE

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ALLOCATED FOR THIS PURPOSE THAT ARE ON PROGRAM, AND SO SOME BANKED FUNDS COULD BE USED IF WE ARE ABLE TO SECURE LOCATION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AT MARCH AIR FORCE BASE. WE ARE CERTAINLY WILLING TO WORK WITH THE AIR FORCE BASE OR THE CONTRACTORS THAT MAY PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT TO TRY TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE IN THE AREA OF RIDE-SHARING, VAN-POOLING AND BUS POOLS TO IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS.

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IN CLOSING, I THINK WE HAVE DEMONSTRATED IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY OUR ABILITY AND WILLINGNESS AND COMMITMENT TO DEAL WITH THE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS. WE HAVE THE PROGRAMS AND THE PROJECTS IN PLACE TO PROVIDE FOR THE MOBILITY THAT WE THINK WOULD BE NEEDED TO ACCOMMODATE EITHER ALTERNATIVE ONE, ASSUMING THAT THE RELOCATION IS TO MARCH, OF COURSE, OR ALTERNATIVE FIVE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU. MR. REAGAN. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. JOHN HUTCHISON, FOLLOWED BY JERRY COWLEY.

MR. HUTCHISON: GOOD EVENING. I AM JOHN HUTCHISON. I AM THE DIRECTOR OF REAL ESTATE FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-RIVERSIDE.

I HAVE HAD A LITTLE BIT OF TIME TO GO THROUGH THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

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IT INDICATES GREAT THOROUGHNESS. I WOULD, HOWEVER, LIKE TO ADD SOME OBSERVATIONS AS A LOCAL RESIDENT AND AS A FERVENT OBSERVER.

I SPENT SEVERAL YEARS TEACHING ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING BEFORE TAKING MY PRESENT POSITION.

AS THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT POINTS OUT, THIS AREA HAS EXPERIENCED VERY RAPID URBAN GROWTH. AS PREVIOUS SPEAKERS HAVE COVERED, I THINK THAT THIS AREA DISPLAYS ONE OF THE MOST SOPHISTICATED GROWTH MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS IN THE NATION, AND THIS IS A FACT THAT SHOULD BE REFLECTED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

IN FACT, I THINK A GOOD DEAL OF THE POTENTIAL NEGATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH GROWTH IS LIKELY TO OCCUR OFF THE BASE AND IN THE PRIVATE COMMUNITIES AS A RESULT OF SECONDARY EFFECTS. THIS COMMUNITY I THINK IS CULTURALLY AND TECHNICALLY POSED TO HANDLE THAT GROWTH WITH GRACE.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME OF THE EXPERIENCES OF THE INSTITUTION THAT I WORK FOR, THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IN RIVERSIDE. IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS, OUR ENROLLMENT'S UP 46 PERCENT. LIKE THE AIR FORCE, WE ARE LOOKING AT

A GROWTH IN THE RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY OF APPROXIMATELY 10,000 STUDENTS AND ANOTHER 2 TO 3,000 SUPPORT STAFF IN COMING YEARS.

THE CAMPUS IN JULY COMPLETED AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT PROCESS MUCH AS IS BEING CONSIDERED HERE, AND WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE COMMUNITY CAN SUCCESSFULLY ABSORB THIS TYPE OF GROWTH, AND THAT WE HAVE POSITIVE EFFECTS FOR BRINGING JOBS, AND PARTICULARLY KNOWLEDGE-INTENSIVE JOBS, INTO THE COMMUNITY, THAT THIS AREA HAS THE ABILITY TO SUPPORT THIS TYPE OF GROWTH. IT HAS THE INSTITUTIONS TO HANDLE IT, AND I THINK IT HAS THE ABILITY TO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY AS A RESULT OF THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA HAS SPENT THE LAST 18 MONTHS WORKING TOWARD THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RESEARCH PARK. AT A PREVIOUS MEETING, I DISCUSSED THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN RESEARCH PARKS AND VARIOUS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ACTIVITIES. THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOOKS FORWARD TO PRODUCING A RESEARCH PARK WHICH IS A PLACE WHERE CLOSE CONTACT CAN OCCUR BETWEEN KNOWLEDGE BASE EMPLOYMENT CENTERS AND THE SOURCE OF KNOWLEDGE, THE PURE RESEARCH FUNCTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA'S NINE

CAMPUSES ACCOMPLISH ABOUT 10 OR 11 PERCENT OF THE PURE RESEARCH IN THIS COUNTRY. WHAT IS MISSING RIGHT NOW IS THE LINKAGE BETWEEN PURE RESEARCH AND APPLICATION, AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE WISH TO ADDRESS HERE ON THIS CAMPUS.

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AT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FACILITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA -- AT THE FLORIDA PROGRESS CENTER, THE NAVY ESTABLISHED A NAVY SIMULATION CENTER OF ABOUT 880,000 SQUARE FEET TO THE GREAT BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY, TO THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT OF THAT INSTITUTION, AND I THINK TO OUR PUBLIC FUNCTION THERE.

AS DIRECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER, I HELPED ESTABLISH A CENTER -- A SUPERCOMPUTING RESEARCH CENTER WITH THE INSTITUTE OF DEFENSE ANALYSIS. THAT IS NOW A 110,000-SQUARE-FOOT FUNCTIONING FACILITY.

AT PITTSBURGH, THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH HAS SUPPORTED THE ARMY MATH RESEARCH CENTER. IN EACH ONE OF THESE CASES, THERE'S BEEN CLOSE CONTACT BETWEEN HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE'S VARIOUS ARMS.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO DEVELOPING THAT TYPE

OF RELATIONSHIP IN COMING MONTHS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU. MR. HUTCHISON. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. JERRY CONLEY, FOLLOWED BY MS. VIRGINIA BURGESS.

MR. CONLEY: GOOD EVENING, SIR, MEMBERS OF THE PANEL. MY NAME IS JERRY CONLEY, 13082 PAVILLION COURT, MORENO VALLEY. TONIGHT I REPRESENT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY.

THE DRAFT EIS POINTS OUT THAT, UNDER THE PROPOSED ACTION, APPROXIMATELY 550 ACRES OF LAND ON BASE AND AN ESTIMATED 1,000 ACRES OF LAND OFFBASE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT DIRECT AND INDIRECT POPULATION IN THIS DEVELOPMENT.

THE DRAFT EIS ADEQUATELY IDENTIFIES THE AVAILABILITY OF LAND ON THE BASE ITSELF, AND OTHERS HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT AS WELL TONIGHT, THAT OUTSIDE THE BASE IN VARIOUS COMMUNITIES, THERE ARE ADEQUATE AMOUNTS OF LAND.

I WOULD LIKE TO INDICATE TO YOU WHAT IS AVAILABLE INSIDE THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY. THE INCORPORATED AREA OF MORENO VALLEY INCLUDES 49 SQUARE MILES, WITH A TOTAL SPHERE OF INFLUENCE OF 68 SQUARE MILES. WHILE MORENO VALLEY IS ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING CITIES IN THE STATE.

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APPROXIMATELY 46 PERCENT OF THE CITY'S TOTAL AREA HAS BEEN DEVELOPED, WHICH LEAVES APPROXIMATELY, AGAIN, 36 SQUARE MILES AS AN AVAILABLE RESOURCE FOR GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT.

THE CITY'S GENERAL PLAN PROVIDES FOR OVER 3,000 ACRES OF INDUSTRIALLY ZONED LAND, OVER 4,000 ACRES OF COMMERCIALLY ZONED LAND AND 24,000 ACRES OF RESIDENTIALLY ZONED LAND.

THE CITY'S COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LAND IS -- EXCUSE ME -- IS INCORPORATED WITHIN THE CITY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN WHICH SPECIFICALLY SETS GOALS TO TARGET AND ATTRACT BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, TO PROMOTE THE AVAILABILITY OF IMPROVED COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SITES.

THE CITY IS DEVELOPED IN THE SENSE THAT IT HAS ADOPTED A PHILOSOPHY OF DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH. THERE ARE SEVEN SPECIFIC PLANS WITHIN THE CITY. THESE ARE MASTER PLANS THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL USE AS WELL AS IMMEDIATE -- TWO OF WHICH ARE IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE MARCH AIR FORCE BASE.

COUNCIL MEMBER NORSPOOL RELATED TODAY -- OR THIS EVENING RELATED THOSE TWO. WE HAVE OVER 2,500 ACRES OF LAND ZONED READY FOR DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THOSE TWO AREAS.

ANOTHER SPECIFIC PLAN PROJECT WHICH IS

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WORTH NOTING IS MORENO HIGHLANDS, WHICH IS ON THE CITY'S EAST SIDE. THERE ARE OVER 3,000 ACRES OF MIXED-USE, MASTER-PLANNED COMMUNITY. THE PROJECT HAS OVER 650 ACRES OF INDUSTRIAL LAND, AND THERE ARE PROPOSED OVER 7,000 DWELLING UNITS.

IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT THE RAPID GROWTH OF MORENO VALLEY IS A FUNCTION OF BOTH THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND AFFORDABILITY. COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND RESIDENTIAL LAND WITHIN THE COMMUNITY IS HIGHLY COMPETITIVE IN PRICE. ALSO, THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY AND ITS REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AGGRESSIVELY RECRUIT AND ASSIST BUSINESS.

HAVING BEEN INCORPORATED JUST FIVE YEARS AGO, WE HAVE STILL BEEN ABLE TO ATTRACT TEN MAJOR PROJECTS, CREATING OVER 7,600 JOBS. WITHIN THE CITY IS THE 4,700-ACRE REDEVELOPMENT AREA WHICH OFFERS SPECIAL BUSINESS INCENTIVES, AND THE CITY'S CURRENTLY APPLYING FOR A STATE ENTERPRISE ZONE TO ADD MORE INCENTIVES TO DEVELOPMENT.

FINALLY, IN TERMS OF HOUSING, MORENO VALLEY IS KNOWN FOR ITS RESIDENIAL OPPORTUNITIES, ITS WIDE RANGE OF HOUSING PRICES, FROM HIGHLY AFFORDABLE ENTRY-LEVEL HOMES TO HIGHER PRICED UPSCALE HOUSING. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE OVER 35,000 HOUSEHOLDS THAT EXIST WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE 15,000 UNITS THAT ARE

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CURRENTLY APPROVED AND IN SOME STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT, WITH AN ADDITIONAL 3,000 UNITS WHICH WE EXPECT TO BE APPROVED EACH YEAR.

IN CONCLUSION, MORENO VALLEY IS A CITY THAT WANTS JOB-CREATING INDUSTRY, HAS MASTER PLANS, AND IS PREPARED FOR A RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL GROWTH, INCLUDING THAT WHICH A RELOCATION OF SSD TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE MIGHT BRING. WE OFFER THE LAND AND THE HOUSING AFFORDABILITY NECESSARY FOR SSD TO BE SUCCESSFUL AT MARCH AIR FORCE BASE. THANK YOU.

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COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. CONLEY. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MS. VIRGINIA BURGESS, FOLLOWED BY MR. JACK BROADBERT.

MS. BURGESS: MY NAME IS VIRGINIA BURGESS. I RESIDE AT 2374 SEVENTH STREET IN RIVERSIDE.

MY STATEMENT IS DERIVED FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH THIS SUBJECT. I RETIRED FROM THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION IN 1979 AS THE SENIOR TECHNICAL EDITOR. I STARTED WORKING FOR AEROSPACE IN THEIR SAN BERNARDINO FACILITY IN 1964. THAT WAS WHEN IT WAS LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF TIPPECANOE AND DILL AND WAS TRANSFERRED DOWN TO THE EL SEGUNDO FACILITY IN 1972.

WHEN THE FACILITY, THE AEROSPACE

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FACILITY, WAS MOVED TO EL SEGUNDO IN 1972, THE EFFECT ON THE WHOLE INLAND EMPIRE COMMUNITY WAS TRAUMATIC. MANY ENGINEERS HAD PURCHASED HOMES IN REDLANDS, RIVERSIDE, RIALTO, CRESTLINE, ALL AROUND HERE.

I WAS TOLD, WHEN I CAME HERE, THAT SAN BERNARDINO HAD TWO PAYROLLS: NORTOF AND WELFARE. AND THAT COMMUNITY WAS ESPECIALLY IMPACTED. MANY OF THOSE TRANSFERRED PREFERRED TO COMMUTE, SINCE WE OWNED OUR HOMES AND RETIREMENT WAS NOT TOO FAR AWAY.

WE CHARTERED A BUS. I COMMUTED FOR SEVEN AND A HALF YEARS. THAT BUS IS STILL RUNNING. IT IS STILL OPERATING, AND IT HAS BEEN AUGMENTED BY NUMEROUS PRIVATELY-OWNED VANS. THEY ARE HEAVILY USED BY AIR FORCE PERSONNEL WHO MUST LIVE HERE, BECAUSE THEY CAN NOT AFFORD TO LIVE IN EL SEGUNDO. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE OF THE YOUNGER OFFICERS.

THESE PEOPLE STILL SPEND THREE TO FOUR HOURS A DAY ON THE FREEWAY, DEPENDING ON THEIR TIME OF DEPARTURE, THE ROUTE THEY TAKE, AND SO FORTH. I HAVE A FRIEND WITH WHOM I WORK, AND SHE COMES OUT AND VISITS ME FREQUENTLY ON THE WEEKENDS. SHE TAKES THE BUS. WE GET UP AT A QUARTER OF 4:00 WHEN WE HAVE TO TAKE HER TO MEET

THE BUS DOWN AT TYLER MALL TO CATCH IT TO GO BACK IN. THE TRAFFIC IS SO HEAVY, IT'S BUMPER TO BUMPER AT THAT TIME IN THE MORNING GOING BACK INTO LOS ANGELES.

NOW, ONE PARTICULAR FACTOR THAT WAS STRESSED AGAIN AND AGAIN TO US AT THE TIME OF THE RELOCATION WAS THE LOSS OF MANHOURS AND EFFICIENCY IN DECISION MAKING AND PROBLEM SOLVING ON SPECIFIC PROGRAMS AND THE RESULTANT IMPACT ON NATIONAL SECURITY OF NOT HAVING THE MILITARY AND THEIR CIVILIAN COUNTERPARTS ON A PROGRAM CO-LOCATED. IT WAS ESSENTIAL, WE WERE TOLD, THAT THEY BE LOCATED IN SUCH A MANNER THAT IMMEDIATE DISCUSSION AND CONSULTATION COULD TAKE PLACE.

THE LOGIC OF THIS ARGUMENT IS, I ASSUME, STILL VALID. THE PRESENT LOCATION OF SSD IS AN EXTREMELY VALUABLE REAL ESTATE AREA. PRESENT BUILDINGS WOULD BE MOST USABLE AND DESIRABLE FOR MANY SURROUNDING ELECTRONIC FIRMS, AND IT WOULD -- THEY ARE STILL ACCESSIBLE BY AN AIR SHUTTLE SYSTEM WHICH WAS SET UP WHEN WE WERE HERE BEFORE, WHEN EVERYBODY WORKED OUT AT SAN BERNARDINO.

I JUST WANTED TO EMPHASIZE IN CLOSING THE CLOSE ASSOCIATION, THE CLOSE SUPPORT OF MARCH AIR FORCE BASE AS ATTESTED BY THE VERY ACTIVE AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION IN THIS AREA. THIS MUTUAL

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ADMIRATION AND ASSOCIATION IS OF LONG STANDING. I REMEMBER IT FROM 1936 TO '41. THANK YOU.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MISS BURGESS. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. JACK BROADBERT.

MR. BROADBERT: GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS JACK BROADBERT, A PLANNING MANAGER WITH THE SOUTH --

COL. MORRISON: SORRY ABOUT THE MISPRONUNCIATION.

MR. BROADBERT: THAT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT -- PLANNING MANAGER WITH THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT.

THE DISTRICT APPRECIATES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE ITS COMMENTS RELATIVE TO THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT FOR THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND RELOCATION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION.

THE DISTRICT IS THE AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR AIR POLLUTION CONTROL FROM STATIONARY AND INDIRECT SOURCES IN THE SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN. THIS BASIN INCLUDES AREAS IN LOS ANGELES, ORANGE, AND RIVERSIDE COUNTIES, AND THE NONDESERT PORTIONS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY.

AS A RESPONSIBLE AGENCY UNDER CEQA, THE DISTRICT REVIEWS AND PROVIDES COMMENTS ON

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS FOR PROJECTS WITHIN OUR JURISDICTION THAT MAY GENERATE SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE AS WELL AS POSITIVE AIR QUALITY BENEFITS.

DISTRICT STAFF HAVE REVIEWED THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THIS PROJECT AND IN PARTICULAR WE DIRECTED OUR ANALYSIS TOWARDS THE RELOCATION OF THE FACILITIES TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE SINCE THESE ARE WITHIN OUR JURISDICTION.

BASED ON OUR ANALYSIS, WE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

RELATIVE TO THE STATIONARY SOURCE IMPACTS, ALL NEW OR MODIFIED OR RELOCATED EQUIPMENT CURRENTLY LOCATED AT THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION MUST MEET OUR NEW SOURCE REVIEW REQUIREMENTS UNDER REG 13.

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SPECIFICALLY, THEY WILL NEED TO MEET BEST AVAILABLE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS, WHICH, ONCE INSTALLED, WILL HOPEFULLY FURTHER REDUCE THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE AMBIENT AIR QUALITY PROBLEM OVER THEIR PRESENT LOCATIONS.

REGARDING SHORT-TERM IMPACTS, THE PROPOSED PROJECT WILL RESULT IN PM-10 EMISSIONS GENERATED BY CONSTRUCTION AND GRADING ACTIVITIES IN THE LOCAL AREA. THESE EMISSIONS CAN BE REDUCED

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TO LEVELS OF INSIGNIFICANCE BY DUST SUPPRESSION MEASURES IDENTIFIED IN THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. THESE ARE TYPICALLY IMPLEMENTED BY THE PROJECT PROPONENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE LOCAL AGENCIES.

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THE AIR QUALITY IMPACT ANALYSIS IN THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, HOWEVER, DISCUSSES -- DOES NOT DISCUSS THE LOCALIZED IMPACT OF THESE PM-10 EMITTING ACTIVITIES. IT INAPPROPRIATELY STATES THAT THE PM-10 EMISSIONS WILL BE INSIGNIFICANT, SINCE THEY REPRESENT ONLY ONE PERCENT OF THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY PM-10'S EMISSIONS INVENTORY.

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RATHER, WE SEE THAT THESE PM-10' EMISSIONS COULD GENERATE LOCALIZED IMPACTS BUT, AGAIN, THEY CAN BE MITIGATED THROUGH YOUR OWN DUST SUPPRESSION MEASURES AS IDENTIFIED INSIDE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

REGARDING THE LONGER-TERM IMPACTS, THE DISTRICT CONCURS WITH THE ASSESSMENT THAT THE PROJECT RELATED WITH MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC COULD LEAD TO LOCALIZED EXCEEDANCES OF THE FEDERAL STANDARDS. THESE IMPACTS CAN BE MITIGATED THROUGH TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT MEASURES THAT TYPICALLY ARE IMPLEMENTED BY THE LOCAL AGENCIES.

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FINALLY, IN REGARD TO THE PROPOSED

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FACILITY SITING OPTION TO RELOCATE TO THE LOS ANGELES -- RELOCATE THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, THIS OPTION WOULD RELOCATE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF PERSONNEL INTO THE INLAND EMPIRE, AN AREA OF THE BASIN THAT IS CHARACTERIZED AS A HOUSING-RICH AND JOBS-POOR AREA.

THIS FACILITY SITING OPTION SHOULD PROVIDE A GREATER JOB-TO-HOUSING BALANCE FOR THIS REGION AND SHOULD HELP TO REDUCE VEHICLE TRIPS, VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED, AND ASSOCIATED AIR POLLUTION EMISSIONS.

THE DISTRICT APPRECIATES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE THESE COMMENTS. THE DISTRICT WILL FOLLOW UP THESE COMMENTS WITH WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE ON OUR ANALYSIS. THANK YOU.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. BROADBERT. IS THERE ANYONE ELSE HERE WHO DESIRES TO BE HEARD BEFORE WE CLOSE THE RECORD? YES? THE GENTLEMAN IN THE BACK.

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MR. MILLER: GOOD EVENING, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS. MY NAME IS KEN MILLER. I AM COORDINATOR OF FACILITIES, PLANNING, FOR THE MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND I CAN SAY THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS HAD A LENGTHY AND A POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH

MARCH AIR FORCE BASE AND HOPES TO CONTINUE THAT.

BUT I AM HERE TO SAY THAT OUR SCHOOLS ARE IMPACTED AT THIS TIME. WE HAVE THREE SCHOOLS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND WE HAVE ANOTHER SCHOOL OUT TO BID RIGHT NOW. WE DEFINITELY ARE IN A BUILDING MODE. WE ALSO HAVE FIVE SCHOOLS ON A YEAR-ROUND SCHEDULE TO HELP ACCOMMODATE CHILDREN AS WELL.

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SO ALL OF THAT IS TO SAY THAT FOR THE CREATION OF NEW HOUSING, AS PROPOSED IN THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE AIR FORCE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE AND QUALITY HOUSING, SCHOOL HOUSING FOR THE CHILDREN THAT WOULD MOVE INTO OUR DISTRICT AS A RESULT OF THE MOVE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. MILLER. ANYONE ELSE BEFORE WE CLOSE THE RECORD?

AGAIN, THE COMMENT PERIOD FOR SUBMITTING ANY TYPE OF WRITTEN COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS, WHETHER YOU USE THE COMMENT CARD OR NOT, IS UNTIL 24 SEPTEMBER 1990. AND YOU CAN DO THIS BY MAILING YOUR COMMENTS TO THE ADDRESS NOTED ON THE COMMENT CARD, THE AIR FORCE REGIONAL CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF NORTON AIR FORCE BASE.

SO EVEN IF YOU HAVEN'T MADE ANY COMMENTS

TONIGHT, YOU STILL HAVE A CHANCE TO DO SO UNTIL THE 24TH OF SEPTEMBER. I WOULD THANK ALL OF YOU FOR TAKING TIME OUT OF YOUR BUSY SCHEDULES TO ATTEND THIS HEARING TONIGHT. IT'S BEEN A LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR ME, AS I HOPE IT HAS BEEN FOR YOU.

I ASSURE YOU THAT A WRITTEN VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF EVERYTHING SAID HERE TONIGHT WILL BE PREPARED AND WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITIES AND WILL FORM A PART OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND GOOD NIGHT.

(THE HEARING WAS CONCLUDED AT 10:05 P.M.)

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PUBLIC HEARING

CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AFB AND RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIV

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

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(The hearing commenced at 1815 hours, 5 Sep 1990.)

COLONEL MORRISON:

Good evening ladies and gentlemen. It's gratifying to see a turn out by people who are interested in proposed actions that may affect the citizens of this area.

On March 30th, 1990, A scoping meeting was held here to identify important environmental issues that might be involved in the proposed closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base, and the relocation of Space Systems Division. Subsequently, various studies were conducted regarding these and other concerns relating to the proposed closure and relocation and a draft environmental impact statement was prepared.

The Air Force has now distributed this draft environment impact statement which addresses proposals to close Los Angeles Air Force Base and relocate Space Systems Division beginning in 1993 and finishing in 1998.

The potential impacts identified in the environment impact statement for the Colorado Springs area are highlighted in the handouts available at the entrance of the auditorium and they will be addressed in detail tonight by Major Mary Vroman.

Should you wish to review the draft environment impact statement, copies are available at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs Main Library and the Penrose public Library. If you want your own copy and have not already received a copy of the draft environment impact statement, you may make a specific request by writing to the address shown on the handout on the written comment sheet.

Now, just why are we here this evening? The purpose of this public hearing is to solicit input from public agencies, private organizations, and the public at large on the draft environment impact statement. This hearing is being held in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and implementing Federal regulations which require Federal agencies to carefully analyse potential environment impacts of certain

proposed actions, and to use these analyses in arriving at decisions or recommendations as to whether to proceed and how to proceed with a particular action.

I've been designated as presiding officer for tonight's public hearing concerning the proposed closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base and relocation of the Space Systems Division including the ballistic missile organization. My name is Colonel Wade Morrison. I'm an attorney and I served as a full time military circuit court judge, stationed at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. I'm not assigned to Peterson Air Force Base or any of the bases or commands under consideration for the relocation. I'm not here as an expert on the draft environment impact statement, nor have I had any connection with its development. And I am not here to act as a legal advisor to the Air Force representatives who will address this proposal. My purpose is simply to ensure that we have a fair, orderly hearing and all who wish to be heard have a fair chance to speak tonight on the issue.

Other members of the Air Force here tonight are Colonel Gerald Bergman, the Commander of the 3rd Space Support Wing, Peterson Air Force Base. Colonel Bergman will represent Peterson and Falcon Air Force Bases this evening. Next, Mr Terry Yonkers, Deputy of the Environmental Planning Division, Headquarters Air Force Systems Command at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland. Mr Yonkers will speak about the proposed closure action and related base closure studies.

Last, from the Air Force Regional Civil Engineering Office at Norton Air Force Base, Major Mary Vroman. Major Vroman is the Deputy Director of the Environmental Division. She will describe the environment impact analysis process and the conclusions reported in the draft environmental impact statement.

We have a court reporter this evening, Mr Lloyd Green, who will be taking down verbatim everything that is said tonight and this will become part of the final environmental impact statement, which in turn becomes part of the Air Force record of decision. So can only do his job properly if he can clearly understand what you are saying. So those of you who will be making public comments tonight, please keep that in mind.

Now let me say what this hearing is not. This isn't going to be a debate, nor a referendum, or a vote on the proposed action. Such things don't add anything to the written hearing record and simply wastes your valuable time during this opportunity for personal input into the decision making process. The focus of this hearing is on the environment impacts associated with the proposals being studied by the Air Force. Comments on nonenvironmental issues

should not be raised at this hearing. What this hearing is intended to provide is a public forum for two-way communication about the draft environmental impact statement with a view toward improving the overall decision-making process.

Now you notice I said 'two-way communication.' The first part of the hearing lets the Air Force's most knowledgeable people brief you on this proposal, its details, and the anticipated environmental impacts. The second part of the process is to give you an opportunity to provide the Air Force information and to make statements for the record. Your input ensures that the decision maker may benefit from your knowledge of the local area and any adverse environmental effects that you think may result from this proposed action.

As you came into the auditorium this evening you were provided an attendance card and asked to indicate on it if you had any comments for tonight's hearing. When the briefers finish I will recognize members of the public for the purpose of making comments. For those of you who have not yet filled out cards and wish to do so, please raise your hand. Someone will distribute more cards. If there is anyone who has not communicated on their card that they wish to speak and you don't have a card, raise your hand and someone will provide one to you.

Our order of proceeding is in three parts: first, the briefing, Mr Yonkers', on the proposed closure action and relocation action and the overall study process. Then, you will receive a briefing from Major Vroman on the environmental impact analysis process and the conclusions reported in the draft environmental impact statement. Following these presentations, we will then proceed to the public input portion of the hearing. Elected officials will be given an opportunity to speak first, followed by the public at large, whose names will be called randomly from the cards.

Now if you don't feel like standing up here tonight and making a statement orally, you have until September 26th of this year to submit written comments. Written comment sheets are provided at the entrance of the auditorium for your use in providing these comments. In fact, even if you make comments tonight you have until the 26th of September to submit additional comments in writing to the address provided in the handout.

Whether a statement is made verbally tonight or in writing prior to the 26th of September, each statement will be given equal weight in consideration, so don't feel like you have to speak tonight if you would prefer to submit written comments.

I want to ensure that all who wish to speak tonight have an equal opportunity to be heard so please help me enforce the following ground rules:

First: speak only after I've recognized you and please address your remarks to me.

Use the microphone provided at the podium. Speak clearly and slowly, starting with your name, your address, capacity in which you appear, for example, public official, designated spokesman of a group or a private citizen, so our court reporter can do his job properly. If you have questions ask one at a time and I will allow a reasonable number of questions. Because you have a time limit, please prioritize your remarks so your most important remarks are addressed first.

Each person will be recognized for a maximum of five minutes, that includes public officials, designated spokespersons and private persons. The individual seated in front of me will act as the timekeeper. At the four and a half minute mark he will raise a yellow card which will be your cue to sum up. And a red card will be raised at the end of five minutes to indicate that your time is up.

Please honor any requests from me that you stop speaking when your time is up otherwise we might not have the time to hear from everyone who wants to heard.

Please be courteous and do not speak while someone else is speaking. Only one person will be recognized at a time.

Finally, our hosts asked that you kindly refrain from smoking in this auditorium. I would appreciate your cooperation in adhering to all rules this evening. I'll monitor the times and do everything within my power to make sure that everyone who wants to be heard will be heard. Now with regard to questions, it's possible that there will be questions that the Air Force representatives are unable to answer and that may occur for one of two reasons. First, even though a good deal of expertise is assembled here panelists will not attempt to answer questions unless they are confident that they can do so accurately.

Second, there may be questions that have national security implications and these must be reviewed further before answers are provided. If this should occur and if the question is relevant it will be addressed in the final document which you can request a copy of

One thing I would like to stress again--you may have information about environmental factors unknown to us. We are very interested in having and analyzing all potential environmental impacts of this proposed action. You have the experience that comes from living in an area over a long period of time and so this second part of tonight's communication, that part that flows from you to us, is important--so don't hesitate to be a part of the proceedings.

If we run out of time before everyone gets to speak, you are invited to submit a statement in writing tonight or at any time prior to September 24th by mailing it to the address shown in the handout. Regardless of whether your statement is oral or in writing it will be carefully considered and made part of the record of these proceedings. It will equal weight and receive the same careful consideration, whether made during tonight's hearing or afterwards.

I would like to thank everyone who turned out tonight. Your presence here is commendable in that it reflects interest in your community and in those things that are important to you. Let me assure you that your interest is the primary purpose for us being here.

Now it's my pleasure to introduce Mr Terry Yonkers who will brief the proposal.

MR YONKERS

(Mr Yonkers' presentation was accompanied by a slide presentation.)

Good evening. I'm Terry Yonkers and I'm here representing the Air Force Systems Command. We're the major command for Space Systems Division. And I will refer to Space Systems Division from time to time in this presentation simply as SSD. And as Colonel Morrison mentioned I will be presenting the proponent's point of view.

First, I want to give you a little background about Space Systems Division and then discuss the proposed action, which is to close Los Angeles Air Force Base and relocate SSD, including the ballistic missile organization or BMO to one of four locations. Now we'll discuss the alternatives to the proposed action which range from relocation of only portions of Space Systems Division to the no action alternative. Finally, I want to talk a little bit about the statutory requirement for a variety of studies that are being accomplished in conjunction with this environmental impact statement.

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Los Angeles Air Force is comprised of about 238 acres and is located in the South bay region of the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area, specifically the cities of El Segundo, Hawthorne and Torrance. It's the host base for Air Force Systems Command-Space Systems Division. An integral part of SSD is the Aerospace Corporation, which is a federally funded research and development center. The mission is SSD is to plan, program, and manage the acquisition of space systems, subsystems, support equipment, related hardware and software. Now among its responsibilities, Space Systems Division also conducts research, exploratory development, and advanced development programs to support future space missions.

The recent realignment of the ballistics systems division placed the management responsibilities for the intercontinental ballistic missile or ICBM programs with Space Systems Division. This unit, as it now known as the ballistic missile organization, has a dedicated systems engineering/technical assistance or what we call a SETA contractor who would also be part of the proposed action.

In the proposed action and the alternative, SSD and its supporting units, including the Aerospace Corporation, are referred to as SSD-Los Angeles in the EIS document. BMO and its supporting units, including its SETA contractor, are referred to as SSD-San Bernadino.

There are three functional groups within Space Systems Division that have been identified for the purposes of the relocation evaluation. The Space Systems Program Office or SPO, the ICBM SPOS, and other SPOS. Space SPOS are responsible for design, development, acquisition, test, and launch. It includes about 1,240 military, 1,190 DoD civilian, and 2400 Aerospace Corporation, and 100 SETA contractor personnel.

The other SPO activities at Space Systems Division, including the MILSTAR Joint Program Office, other advanced and special programs, the Aerospace Corporation laboratories, and various base operating support, employ 510 military, 250 DoD civilians, 1,500 Aerospace Corporation personnel.

Finally, the ballistic missile organization, ICBU SPO, manage ballistic missile systems and subsystem acquisition programs. This SPO also performs the advanced strategic missile tri-service requirements and has 660 military, 570 civilian, and 1,000 SETA contractor personnel.

The basic proposal or alternative actions are based on a construction and relocation schedule beginning in fiscal year 1993 and ending in 1998, as Colonel Morrison has mentioned. However,

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due to the complexity of the proposal and available relocation resources, the personnel and construction schedule could extend beyond the 1998 timeframe.

The proposed action is total closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base and the complete closure of BMO facilities in San Bernadino and the relocation of SSD-Los Angeles and SSD-San Bernadino, to one of four locations.

Space Systems Division support units currently at Los Angeles Air Force Base and San Bernadino that duplicate existing units at the relocation installation would be inactivated.

The closure of Space Systems Division - Los Angeles facilities would involve approximately 1,700 military and 6,385 civilian personnel. There are five tenant units that would not move with SSD and would relocate within the Los Angeles area. The closure of SSD at San Bernadino and their facilities would involve approximately 660 military and 1,870 civilian personnel.

I mentioned there are four alternative locations that are under consideration for the relocations. These include Vandenburg Air Force Base, California, March Air Force Base, California, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, and of course, Peterson and Falcon Air Force Bases here in Colorado, which are being considered as one relocation option.

Five alternatives to the proposed action are considered in the environmental impact statement. The alternatives are numbered in the document and this presentation. However, their order should not be interpreted to imply any ranking or prioritization of the alternatives.

The first alternative is similar to the basic proposal, but while the Space Systems Division Los Angeles operation would be relocated to one of the four candidate locations, the Space Systems Division-San Bernadino would remain at San Bernadino.

The second alternative would close certain areas of Los Angeles Air Force Base and relocate portions of Space Systems Division-Los Angeles, and all of Space Systems Division-San Bernadino, but would not relocate other SPOS.

The third alternative would close only the ballistic missile organizations facilities in San Bernadino and relocate Space Systems Division San Bernadino to one of the four locations.

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The fourth alternative considers only the relocation of 1,800 personnel from within the Space Systems Division with no facility closure at either Los Angeles or at San Bernadino.

The last alternative would close all of Los Angeles Air Force Base and relocate Space Systems Division Los Angeles to March Air Force Base, but would leave the Aerospace Corporation intact at their El Segundo offices and also leave Space Systems Division San Bernadino intact at San Bernadino.

Finally, the no action alternative. Space Systems Division Los Angeles and Space Systems Division San Bernadino would remain in their existing facilities as would the Aerospace Corporation.

The proposed action and the alternatives, 1, 2, 3, and 5, are contingent upon special legislation that would allow the Air Force to dispose of government property and use the proceeds to off set the military constructive costs associated with the closure and relocation.

Now just a few words about the statutory studies that are required. There are five additional studies that are required by the United States Code, Title 10, Section 2687, the act called The Base Realignment and Closure Act. The Act requires that the Department of Defense study the local economic, operational, strategic, fiscal, budgetary, as well as the environmental impacts of the proposed closure. These studies are underway and will be submitted to Congress as part of the decision package.

The local economic consequences study will examine the direct payroll loss on the El Segundo and San Bernadino areas and the secondary effect on local business occasioned by the loss of military personnel, their dependents, and civilians. In addition the study will focus on the effects on the local real estate market and industries that may move because of the relocation of Space Systems Division. Also, projected growth in the community and reuse of the effected property will be considered.

The strategic study will address the effect of reducing conventional, strategic, and space systems as the threat to national security is reduced.

An operational study will address the effect of relocating Space Systems Division, including the ballistic missile organization, if the decision is made to close Los Angeles Air Force Base and the BMO facilities at San Bernadino. It will examine all the tenant and joint service mission changes resulting from a closure and relocation decision.

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The budgetary study will determine the current-year programmed dollar costs and savings associated with the relocation of Space Systems Division and inactivation or relocation of associated operational and support units.

Finally, the fiscal study will use the budgetary evaluation to analyze past, present, and future costs and savings associated with the relocation of Space Systems Division. Costs of closing and savings will be detailed through the life cycle cost model. As I mentioned the reports will be made available to the Congress probably in the early 1991 timeframe.

Thank you *very much* for your attention. I would now like to turn the meeting back over to Colonel Morrison.

COLONEL MORRISON

Now I'd like to present Major Mary Vroman from the Air Force Regional Civil Engineering Office at Norton Air Force Base. Major Vroman will present an overview of the environmental impact analysis process, discuss the relationship between the economic study and the environmental impact analysis, and present the results of the draft environmental impact statement. Major Vroman.

MAJOR VROMAN

Thank you, sir. Good evening. Our organization is conducting the environmental process for this proposal, as well as other proposed closures and realignments announced by the Secretary of Defense on January 30th of this year.

Tonight I will present the schedule for this environmental impact analysis process, and show how the public comment period fits into this schedule. I'll also discuss the scope of the study, and the relationship between the environmental impact statement and the supplemental economic study being prepared to address the potential economic impacts of relocating the Space Systems Division to Peterson and Falcon Air Force Bases. Last, I will present the results of our analysis by resource category and conclude with a summary of the potential environmental impacts.

This effort was initiated on February 9th, 1990 with the publication in the Federal Register of two notices of intent to prepare environmental impact statements. The notices indicated that Los Angeles Air Force Base would be studied for closure and that Space Systems Division and the appropriate supporting units would be studied for relocation. Our draft environmental impact statement analyses both the closure and relocation action.

Following the notices of intent, scoping meetings were held to receive public input on the scope of issues to be addressed in the environmental impact statement and to identify the significant issues relating to the proposed action. The scoping meetings for Falcon and Peterson Air Force Bases were held here at Centennial Hall on March 20th, 1990.

Subsequent to scoping the issues for study, we collected data and conducted the analysis which supports the environmental impact statement. The draft environmental impact statement was filed with the Environmental Protection Agency on August 3rd, 1990. In addition to tonight's public hearing, public hearings on the draft environmental impact statement will also be held in other communities affected by the proposed closure or relocation. Public hearings were held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of last week in El Segundo, Lompoc, San Bernadino, and Riverside, California for the California bases and units addressed in the EIS. An additional public hearing is also scheduled for Friday of this week in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Written comments on the draft environmental impact statement will be accepted until September 24th, 1990. After the comment period is over, we will evaluate all comments, both written and oral, and perform additional analysis or change the environmental impact statement where necessary. Again, as in the scoping process, equal consideration will be given to all comments, whether they are presented here tonight or received by mail prior to the end of the comment period. Once the process is complete, we will produce a *final environmental impact statement which is scheduled for* completion in early December 1990. The final EIS will be mailed to all those on the draft environmental impact statement distribution list. The final EIS will include comments received during the public review period, and our responses to these comments. Depending on the number and diversity of comments, or the need to conduct additional analysis, the final environmental impact statement may consist of a cover letter and errata sheet, be a separate volume as a companion to the draft environmental impact statement, or come as an entirely new document. The final EIS will serve as an input for the record of decision, which will document the decision by the Air Force. Other studies, as described earlier by Mr Yonkers, and consideration of other issues besides those addressed in the environmental impact statement or these other studies, will enter into the final decision of whether or not to proceed with this proposal. We expect to accomplish the *record of decision in early January 1991.*

The draft environmental impact statement was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations. Efforts were made

to reduce needless bulk, to write in plain language, focus on only those issues which are clearly related to the environment, and to integrate with other documents required as part of the decision making process. The document focuses on impacts to the natural and physical environment which may occur as a direct result of the base closure or relocation action; impacts which occur indirectly *through changes in the community; or in the handling of hazardous* materials and waste. The document also evaluates geology and soils, water (both surface and groundwater), air quality, noise, biological and cultural resources. Indirect changes to local communities that provided measures against which environmental impacts could be analyzed included changes to population, land use and aesthetics, transportation, and community utility services. In addition, issues related to current and future management of hazardous materials and waste are discussed in the document. If it was determined that significant adverse environmental impacts would occur because of base closure or the relocation action, potential mitigation measures were identified and are included in the document.

As I mentioned earlier, this draft environmental impact statement focuses on the impacts to the natural and physical environment brought about, either directly or indirectly, by the potential closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base and relocation of Space Systems Division. The document addresses socioeconomic impacts of base closure or relocation only if they result in impacts to the natural and physical environment. Earlier, Mr Yonkers described the other studies being conducted as part of the base closure process. In addition to these studies, the Air Force has decided to conduct what we have termed supplemental economic studies. These studies are intended to analyze the potential economic impacts to the communities being considered as sites for the relocation of Space Systems Division. Areas to be addressed in this study will include population, employment and income, community facilities and services, and fiscal and financial impacts to local governmental entities. The Air Force will consult with key state and local officials during the preparation of these studies.

I would now like to discuss the results reported in the draft environmental impact statement. Our discussion tonight will center on the impacts expected in the Peterson and Falcon Air Force Base areas if either is chosen as the host base for a relocation of Space Systems Division. The document concluded there would be changes in the local community that could affect the natural and physical environment, and that additional amounts of hazardous materials and waste would be used, produced, and

disposed of. In addition, various impacts, including the potential for significant adverse impacts to the natural and physical environment, were identified.

A full relocation of Space Systems Division as described in the proposed action is expected to cause the following changes in the Colorado Springs area if Peterson or Falcon Air Force Bases were selected.

It is estimated that the relocation of Space Systems Division by the end of 1995 would result in an annual increase of approximately 500 million dollars in total personal income. The proposed action is expected to generate approximately 10,000 permanent direct and indirect jobs by 1997. The permanent population increase is projected to be approximately 26,000 people with all of the additional population living offbase in the Colorado Springs area.

Land use changes from the relocation action would depend on possible future amendments to local land use plans and zoning ordinances.

Vehicle traffic in the vicinity of the project sites would increase, especially during peak traffic hours. These increases, totalling approximately 9,000 vehicles per day, would contribute to a decreased level of service or "LOS" on several of the roads and streets servicing Peterson and Falcon Air Force Base, depending on which site is chosen. Decreased levels of service would occur along portions of Marksheffel Road and State Highway 94 for the Peterson Air Force Base site and along State Highway 94 for the Falcon Air Force Base site. In each of these cases the level of service is projected to decrease from an LOS of 'A' or uncongested, free-flowing conditions, to an LOS of 'F' which is characterized by long queues of traffic, unstable flow, and frequent stoppages.

We anticipate an addition of up to 80,000 arriving and departing passengers at the Colorado Springs Municipal Airport as a result of the proposed action. This addition would increase passenger levels by about 13% above current levels in 1997. This growth is consistent with the proposed future increases in passenger traffic forecast for the airport, especially in light of its planned expansion.

The relocation of SSD to Peterson or Falcon Air Force Bases would increase local demand for potable water, wastewater treatment, natural gas, electricity, and solid waste disposal. The City of Colorado Springs provides water for both its residents and Peterson Air Force Base. The demand on this system is expected to

increase by approximately 8% during full operations. However, the system has excess capacity well beyond the needs of the proposed action. Potable water at Falcon Air Force Base is currently supplied by contract from the Cherokee Water District. The additional water needed for the proposed action at Falcon Air Force Base would exceed the base's current contracted amount and therefore additional water supplies would need to be obtained.

The City of Colorado Springs wastewater treatment system, which also serves Peterson Air Force Base, can adequately handle the expected 8% increase in demand within existing system capacity. If Falcon Air Force Base were chosen, the wastewater treatment system there would need to be expanded to meet the requirements of the proposed action. Electrical and natural gas supplies in the region are adequate to supply the energy requirements due to the proposed action. Solid waste generation is expected to increase by approximately 50 tons per day in the Colorado Springs area. Local solid waste facilities have the expansion capacity to handle this increase.

In the area of *hazardous materials and waste*, the relocation of Space Systems Division to Peterson or Falcon Air Force Bases would increase the use and storage of hazardous materials and the generation of hazardous waste. These increases are due in part to base operations and maintenance activities; and in part to the laboratory operations of the Aerospace Corporation. Existing hazardous material and waste management plans for Peterson and Falcon Air Force Bases would be modified to address these increases.

Impacts to the natural and physical environment are as follows:

We expect no impact on geological resources underlying either of *the bases*. Soil *losses* from erosion will be minimized through the use of standard construction practices and mitigation plans.

For water resources, use of the Peterson Air Force Base site is not expected to significantly impact local ground or surface waters. Water supplies for Colorado Springs and Peterson Air Force Base come primarily from a mix of surface water and water from the transbasin water project. Approximately 10% of the local water supply comes from ground water resources. While there may be some increase in local ground water demand, this would not constitute a significant impact on these resources. Surface water runoff is expected to increase as a result of additional paved and covered areas, however this increase is not expected to adversely impact surface water resources.

Potable water supply for Falcon Air Force Base is currently provided by the Cherokee Water District from the Black Squirrel Creek Aquifer. This aquifer is currently overdrafted by approximately 5,000 acre-feet per year. Continued and increased overdrafting of the aquifer will increase the deterioration of this ground water resource. The Air Force is currently investigating alternative water sources to meet the needs of Falcon Air Force Base.

During the construction phase, increased emissions of particulate matter and other pollutants would occur, but would be short-term and not significant. Long-term effects of the project would be caused primarily by emissions from the additional vehicles used by project personnel and their families. Based on modeling, increased vehicle traffic near the project sites would increase carbon monoxide levels in these areas. These increases are not expected to cause violations of the Federal Standards for carbon monoxide. However, since El Paso County is currently in nonattainment for carbon monoxide, these increases could delay the county's achievement of attainment status.

Short term *increases in noise levels are expected in the project* areas to facility construction, but these increases are not expected to be significant due to the separation of most project sites from sensitive receptors. We also expect slight, long term increases in noise levels of less than 3 decibels due to increases in vehicular traffic. Given current traffic volumes, this increase is not expected to result in significant noise level increases.

The proposed action is not expected to have any significant impact on vegetation, threatened or endangered species, or other wildlife resources at Peterson or Falcon Air Force Base project sites. However, wetland areas are known to exist in the vicinity *of the site at Falcon Air Force Base. These areas are currently* being identified in a wetlands delineation study which will be completed prior to filing of the final environmental impact statement. Due to the availability of other siting options at Falcon Air Force Base, the Air Force has committed to avoiding impacts to these wetlands in the siting of project facilities at Falcon.

Some impacts to cultural resources may be expected as a result of the proposed action. These impacts are site specific in that they are due to the use of Project Site 3 at Peterson Air Force Base. Site 3 has been found to contain two prehistoric campsites which are potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic *places. However, we feel that impacts to these prehistoric* campsites due to the use of site 3 can be mitigated through

avoidance or data recovery. No significant impact to cultural resources are expected as a result of the proposed action at Falcon Air Force Base.

The alternative actions, as described earlier by Mr Yonkers, generally involve partial relocations of Space Systems Division which, in all cases, involved fewer people and less construction than the proposed action. In general, these alternatives result in changes to the environment that are equal to or less adverse than the changes associated with the full relocation action.

In closing let me remind you the study is in a draft stage. Our goal is to provide Air Force decision-makers with accurate information on the environmental consequences of this proposal. To do this, tonight we are soliciting your comments on the draft environmental impact statement. This information, coupled with the other studies discussed by Mr Yonkers *will support informed* Air Force Decision making.

Colonel Morrison

In a moment we will move into the main portion of the meeting which is the public input period. I'd like to remind you of a couple of points. Please limit your comments to five minutes so that everyone can be heard. Also please make sure that you state your name clearly for the record before you make your statement. If you've brought a prepared statement, you may turn it in, you may read it aloud, or do both. Written comments and questions will also become part of the hearing record, and equal *consideration will be given to your comments whether you speak* tonight or provide written comments. If you turn in written comments or questions, please write your name and address on them.

Again, the purpose of this hearing is to solicit input from public agencies, private organizations, and the public at large on the draft environmental impact statement. The Air Force representatives gathered here before you tonight are not the decision makers on this proposed action. They have provided you information on the process and are prepared to respond to questions you may have on the project; however, we cannot enter into a debate on the pros and cons of the proposed action. Also, remember the purpose of the meeting is to solicit input on the *draft environmental impact statement, so please limit your* comments to the environmental issues associated with the proposals. To avoid repetition and to insure everyone has an opportunity to speak, I would like to ask you to try to avoid repetitive statements. If you agree with the comments of an earlier speaker, I'd recommend that you simply so indicate.

COLONEL MORRISON

Now we will begin the public comment period. Our first speaker *will be Congressman Joel Hefley, followed* by Lieutenant Governor Mike Callahan.

CONGRESSMAN JOEL HEFLEY

Thank you, Colonel Morrison. I am Joel Hefley of 2190 Vickers Drive, Colorado Springs, and I come to you tonight as the Congressman which represents the district under consideration here tonight. We welcome you to Colorado Springs and am delighted to be one of the cities that are being considered for this. I commend you on the thorough business like logical approach that you've taken to this study as described to us just now and on the conclusion that you provide that. Our office also, although we're not *experts as you are in environmental impact studies*, but our office tried to survey and determine how such a move as is being contemplated here would affect the people I represent. And we too came down with the general conclusions that you seem to have come down with, is that there would be no significant adverse effect. Over and over in the study we see that phrase. Yes, there would be some issues to deal with. The water thing if Falcon were to be chosen is something that would need to be dealt with. But I think you have found or will find as some of our other speakers speak that the city fathers over many many years in this community have realized that we live in a semi-arid region, that we have to deal with water, that water is the one limiting factor in this community if we don't deal with it properly, and have made very *fine preparation for the future where water is concerned.* Transportation. Again, and what a pointed out that you have created some suggestions that that is a problem that we or have to face, and deal with sometime between now and 1996. I'm sure that problem could also be dealt with very well. And you probably will not find a community in the United States that has a greater variety of defense impact or it than Colorado Springs. Now there are some able people connected with the Department of Defense. But when you consider the variety you probably won't find one that has more than we do. And I don't think you will either find a community that has adjusted as well to the Defense Department impact as a community than Colorado Springs and El Paso County. I now talk with numerous military people who have been stationed here over a period of twenty-five years or so that I've been here. And almost without exception they will tell you that the relationship is very beautiful. We think this mission that we're talking about tonight will fit in very well with them. I think I can assure you that not only my complete support for consideration of this area, but also the support of the entire congressional delegation, including the 6th Congress people and the two United

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States Senators, all of which are interested in this; who looked at a census and have expressed support for this. I know you have a long agenda. I won't belabor it anymore. Are there any questions and any other responses? I'd be happy to --

[No response from the panel or the public.]

COLONEL MORRISON

Thank you, Congressman Hefley. Our next speaker w... be Lieutenant Governor Mike Callahan followed by Mayor Robert Isaac.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR CALLAHAN

Thank you, Colonel Morrison. My name is Michael Callahan and I live in Gunnison, Colorado. I'm here in the capacity as Lieutenant Governor and today's acting Governor of the State of Colorado. Parenthetically, I won't here out of state guests but it always makes me nervous to be sandwiched between Joel Hefley and Bob Isaac. I come from Gunnison and especially when we're talking about water -- we won't get into that tonight.

Let me say for the purpose of the record tonight, the congressman hit on some very fine points. Colorado is generally a space friendly state. We've dealt with the impact, many of which have been identified in the major's report, draft environmental statement, in other areas, some successfully, some not so successfully to be really candid about it. But overall the record of Colorado as a space community, a space industry, is one that's very fond. And we have learned from these experiences too. I honestly believe, in dealing with the issues raised on the water, provided we don't do any more transmountain diversion, and particularly on the area of air pollution. We've learned some lessons. Our success with the issue of air quality and lowering of the number of non-attained days and the out of standard days in Denver basin, just North of here, is exemplary. And working with our state health department, our air quality control commission for the State of Colorado and other state agencies, and the county, and the city, El Paso County, Colorado Springs, we're convinced at the state level that we as a responsible partner with the Air Force can absolutely work to lessen, and in some cases eliminate some of these adverse effects. I don't want to gloss over them because I don't think there's a community in the state that thrives more on its reputation as a quality place to live than does Colorado Springs. The fact that we have managed in this community to create very diversified defense and space industry and the number of institutions, with a very strong tourism and recreation based economy, tells me, and I think it tells most impartial observers, that we have managed to

find the marriage between those two that works, and that one is not necessarily mutually exclusive of the other. We can work with you. We're concerned about the air pollution, particularly. But I think we've learned lessons. We've got the resources. We've got the talent in the state government, the county, and the city, to make these things, hurdles, yeah, but hurdles we can overcome. Colorado squarely wants to be the space center for North America. We're well on that road already. I don't have to list the number of corporations with over one hundred private and public sector databases and research institutions that are located in Colorado, within a short distance of this building as a matter of fact. Many of these already exist. This will be an asset for us. It will be a boom to our community. But we're ready to work with you, and recognize that there are some impacts that we've got to work on. Colorado is ready to do our part and we welcome the relocation of these facilities to anyone of the scenarios that you outlined tonight in this community. Thank you for the opportunity. Welcome to our state.

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COLONEL MORRISON

Thank you, Lieutenant Governor Callahan. Our next speaker will be Mayor Robert Issac, followed by Mr Gary Shupp.

MAYOR ROBERT ISAAC

Thank you very much, and welcome back. Thank you for returning. Glad to see all of you. We want to let you know we're still interested. These people know that. But that's not why we're here. I'm Mayor Bob Isaac, Post Office Box 1575, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901. I just want to tell Lieutenant Governor Callahan we're not interested in that Gunnison table of water. Don't worry about it. I just want to follow up on a couple of comments that were made in the scoping session and had to do with the environmental impact comments that were made. We've made great strides in improving the transportation facilities around Peterson Air Force base since you were here in March. And even without the possibility of the Space System Division relocating here we would not permit that service level to reduce to "F" levels of service in that area. I can guarantee you that. And we have worked very cooperative with the state, state highway commission, with the state highway department and El Paso County, the front ending, agreeing to front end eight and one half million dollars to speed up by two years the construction of the Eastern portion of Powers Blvd which is Highway 24 bypass in order to relieve the western gate which is so important to Peterson Air Force Base, and also to provide for the North gate. In addition we're completing, the ramp is under construction now for Powers Blvd South from Fountain to Platte Avenue. It will provide a new

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access to our new terminal at the airport, the new located terminal. We have worked with the state to make presentation and they have agreed to support the connection between Highway 24 and Highway 94 to relieve the North gate. It will be in the five year plan, I'm quite sure. And I hope that we can work another arrangement. I don't want to lobby the county commissioners now, but another arrangement in order to speed up the completion of that particular vital artery which will help relieve the North gate. As for the airport, we expect to have a pre-bid conference September the 7th with respect to the new runway. You all know it's 13,500 foot runway, 1 7 miles East of the existing North/South runway. Bid opening is approximately September 18th We would hope to be under construction prior to October 31st of this year with construction completed mid or late 1993, which would fit in with this proposal. As to the terminal, the design will be completed in early 1991, construction under way late 1991 and construction complete late 1993 or early 1994. My last comment will be with respect to water. I was amazed at some of the comments on water. There's no community at this point that's in better shape, in my opinion, with respect to good renewable, surface water. And I'm sure we can handle either site. And working with Cherokee, and I understand their particular. I know they were going to be here longer. Falcon was going to be here longer than 25 years so I know the date of the contract would need to have some assistance at some point. But I can guarantee you that the city has the supplies to take care of either the Falcon site or the Peterson site. It's renewable water as you pointed out. It's surface water. It comes back every year. And it's not. We do not rely on the aquifer that in many cases are not renewable. So I thank you very much for being here and we look forward to cooperating with you in the future. I'm sure. Thank you.

COLONEL MORRISON

Thank you, Mayor Issac. Our next speaker will be Mr Gary Shupp, followed by Miss Connie Solomon.

GARY SHUPP

Usually when the mayor is speaking I still get to raise this a little bit up (speaking of the microphone at the podium). This is the first time in the history of mankind that he didn't take an opportunity to lobby anybody in any position as a public individual. I'd like to welcome you here this evening and thank you for the opportunity to speak to you regarding some of the issues brought before us. One that has not been mentioned is housing. And while housing certainly has an economic impact it also has an impact in the sense of location and the access to the

proposed facility, makes a very distinct difference as to the pollutants that are generated by the transportation to and from the facility. We might suggest to you that not only does Colorado Springs, within the corporate limits have adequate affordable housing, but there's also adequate master planning and zoned areas within El Paso County which could easily accommodate the influx of the type and number of civilians and military personnel which would accompany a transfer to Colorado Springs, but believe that is a factor that certainly, probably, does not exist in any other area of the country I'm aware of where we have complete access not only to somewhat of a country setting but also to a relatively medium sized metropolitan area. The transportation aspects have already been mentioned by the mayor. Something I would like to add to that is about a year ago a suggestion was made to Congressman Hefley's office and Senator Armstrong's office, as far as I'm aware, is some consideration which would allow for essentially a southern access to Falcon Air Force Station which could certainly be modified as far as the route is concerned and accommodate the facility that we're talking about here this evening. Also I believe it's a transportation particular problem that is incumbent upon the facility being moved here. We certainly believe that this is an opportunity, not only for Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak Region, but also for the Air Force. The operational magnitude of the situation is such that it's a perfect marriage in our estimation, not only for the military component, but also for the civilian community. In the words of everyone thank you for considering us, thank you for the opportunity and hope we meet again.

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COLONEL MORRISON

Thank you, Mr Shupp. Our next speaker will be Miss Connie Solomon. She will be followed by Irene Kornelly.

CONNIE SCOTT SOLOMON

Hi. My name is Connie Scott Solomon, and I'm the director for Senator William Armstrong, 320 North Cascade, Colorado Springs, 80903.

The senator, I spoke with him today, and he felt very strongly that he would like to have some words to express to you all this evening. So I have brought a prepared statement.

Dear Lieutenant Colonel Bartel: The crisis in the Persian Gulf brings home how absolutely essential a strong, effective military is. Without it, our security can be directly threatened as can the sovereignty of smaller nations and the resources many countries depend upon. In short, without a strong and effective

military the United States, indeed, the entire world would be at the mercy of any renegade strongman who could muster an army and use it to steal others' wealth depose their government.

The crisis in the Persian Gulf also brings home the unique advantage Colorado Springs will provide the Air Force should it decide to relocate the Space Systems Division there. The men and women of Air Force Space Command stationed in Colorado Springs play a daily role in the gulf crisis as the eyes and ears for our troops overseas. Stationing those who are responsible for the procurement of satellite systems near those with the operational space expertise will benefit the Air Force, the taxpayer, and the nation's military space program. There couldn't be another match.

15.10 Colorado Springs stands head and shoulders above any other proposed location. It has plenty of attractive affordable housing and its many services would allow it easily to accommodate the large influx of new Air Force employees. In addition the people of Colorado Springs are committed supporters of their military community and, I am certain, will take every possible action to settle these members of the military space community quickly, and painlessly into their new home at the foot of the Rockies.

I am certain that, as you consider Colorado Springs, you too will make it your first choice for the relocation of Space Systems Division. Best Regards, Bill Armstrong

COLONEL MORRISON

Thank you, Mrs Solomon. Our next speaker will be Miss Kornelly. She will be followed by Pat Musick.

MS KORNELLY

.Thank you very much. My name is Irene Kornelly and I am the Director of the Colorado Springs office for US Senator Timothy E. Wirth. The address is 830 North Tejon, Suite 105, Colorado Springs, 80903.

15.10 Senator Wirth regrets that he is not able to attend today's meeting. For several months he has been very supportive of this move and speaking with him today this support continues. He has on previous occasions met with the Secretary of the Air Force on the rights concerning this issue and has participated in the efforts of the entire Colorado delegation. The Senator commends the Air Force on their decisions that have been previously made to move the space launch operations under Space Command, a move which only strengthens the role of Peterson Air Force Base and their space mission. I do have a brief statement from Senator Wirth on

this that he would like to address. The City of Colorado Springs would be an ideal move for the Space Systems Division. No other location in the United States would provide the opportunity to have the three major elements of the military space efforts in one location. Two of these elements, Space Operations, which is represented by the Air Force Space Command and HQ Space Command, and logistics, represented by PACER Frontier, are already in Colorado Springs. The collocation of these three space components makes good managing sense. The close and coordinated interaction between developers, logisticians, and operators throughout the life cycle of the multimillion dollar space systems is extremely important. Most communication within the integrated space community will reduce the costs and time needed to produce each system and will significantly operational capability. In addition to the increased management, manifested efficiency, the Air Force will realize a savings to personnel in terms of the cost of living and reduced commuter time. This will enhance troop morale and efficiency. I am certain that the Air Force will continue to find that Colorado Springs is a support community and most compatible to the military and space operation that's proposed. The community has worked very hard to provide both Peterson and Falcon Air Force Bases with the necessary infrastructure to insure adequate support for the military facilities. In addition the area has a low cost of living and a high quality of life. The excellent education system in Colorado Springs provides a large pool of qualified civilian personnel who maintain a very high work ethic. As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Senator Wirth looks forward to working with the Air Force as the study continues on the proposed relocation of Space Systems Division. Senator Wirth attempts to insure that Peterson Air Force Base an Falcon Air Force Base are given full and equal consideration with the other proposed sites during this process. In addition, if the senator's office can be of any assistance, he would urge anyone from the Air Force to contact either the Colorado Springs or Washington D.C. office. Thank you very much.

COLONEL MORRISON

Thank you, Miss Kornelly. Our next speaker will be Pat Musick, followed by Mr Kenneth Burnley

MISS MUSICK

I'm Pat Musick. My address is 10 Studio Place and I'm a native of Colorado Springs.

I find myself in the scary position of being the first person to speak in opposition. I oppose the relocation of Space Systems Division to Peterson or Falcon Air Force Base because I believe 15.7

15.7 this would be environmentally, socially and substantially economically detrimental to El Paso County. The statistics in this statement are taken from the US Air Force Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed relocation.

At the initial scoping meeting the proponents of the relocation here sited as one of the attractions our high quality of life. According to the environmental impact statement, quote, 'The decision to propose the closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base is based on a number of operational and quality of life issues.' Well, what is quality of life? Most residents of the Pikes Peak region will cite proximity to the mountains, climate, clean air, water, friendly easygoing pace, along with cultural amenities, as characteristics of our quality of life. It's important to remember that Los Angeles itself, and Detroit, Manhattan, and other urban centers all once had clean air, water, and proximity to nature. We still have a chance to preserve ours.

The EIS states clearly that decrease in air quality would result from the relocation. 'Pollution concentrations are predicted to substantially increase as a result of more intensive and widespread urban activities. Because El Paso County is nonattainment for carbon monoxide, does not meet Federal standards, overall long term impact for project emissions at Peterson or Falcon Air Force Base on air quality would be significant. Eighty-eight percent of carbon monoxide emission in this county are from mobile sources; major emission sources would be from flying operations and fuel evaporation losses from gasoline and diesel storage and dispensing facilities.' We've heard from Major Vroman that air pollution would be increased by fugitive dust, soil disturbance, construction vehicles, and additional vehicles by personnel and their families. During the construction year the traffic would increase by 18,000 vehicles. Construction would be not only on the base site but possibly on the 375 acres adjacent to the site for commercial and residential uses. Solid waste would increase by 67.0 tons per day in the peak year and 59.0 tons per day thereafter. And I question the capacity of our solid waste management system that are presently in place. The volume and composition of hazardous materials used and stored on the Air Force base would increase. This would 'increase the potential for accidental spills which would result in adverse effects on public health, water resources, soils, and biological resources.' The current volume and composition of the waste stream for Aerospace Corporation would be transferred, with the exception of asbestos containing wastes. I may be wrong, but I understand this to mean the relocation would include importation of hazardous wastes to El Paso County.

What about water? The potable water demand for the proposed action would increase average daily demand eleven percent in the peak construction year and nine percent during operations. We've already heard about the aquifer depletion of Falcon. Peterson's water source is, like all of Colorado Springs, fifty-three percent Transbasin Water Project supplied. Sometimes the municipal water system is already used at one hundred percent capacity on peak days. Where would the increase come from? 'Construction of an upgraded facility to handle the increased demand is planned.' Does this refer to the Homestake II water project, still, I believe, tied up in litigation? The issue of water importation from the western slope is only going to grow in complexity. We are a semi-arid to arid region, fifteen inches of rain fall per year. And I've heard there are more water lawyers in Colorado than in all the rest of the United States. The whole question of water and water rights is a Pandora's box of complex issues. As anyone who has ever listened to a discussion by Colorado Wilderness Bills knows. Stirring up a hornet's nest could result in costly delays not figured in the current projections. Wherever it comes from, water is finite in Colorado, and it behooves us to bear this in mind in any discussions concerning future growth.

Another very interesting note in the EIS prompts thought on another quality of life aspect: 'water quality in the Arkansas River Basin is generally adequate to support most designated uses except in the central portion of Fountain Creek, below Colorado Springs, where high fecal coliform counts and metals impair the designated uses.' Why seek to attract new sources of wastes and pollution while we currently have an open sewer to clean up, cyanide billiards left over from the old gold mill, open-pit mining scars, excessive carbon monoxide levels, and so forth.

I am told that it's time to stop. I will submit the rest of my statement. And thank you very much for the opportunity to speak.

COLONEL MORRISON

You can submit any -- (applause from the audience) -- We have a drop box for anybody who wants to submit written comments. You can leave it here tonight or you can send it to the address in the handout. Our next speaker will be Mr Burnley, followed by Mr Tim Andersen.

MR BURNLEY

Colonel Morrison, Colonel Bergeman, Mr Tonkens, Major Vroman, thank you for the opportunity to address you on this very important topic. My name is Kenneth Burnley. I am superintendent of schools here in Colorado Springs, School District 11. Our

address is 1115 North El Paso St, Colorado Springs, 80903. If I may in orientation, let me share with you that there are a number of school districts here in the Pikes Peak region; and we have the largest district. We serve some 30,000 students. But there are numerous other districts here in the metropolitan area, and then additional districts which would also be considered rural in nature. In that regard, we're very pleased to let you know that as a group of school districts we work very closely together. We meet at least once a month; use telecommunications with the rural districts; and we feel that we offer a real fine set of services. In that regard we have a brochure that we developed in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Council that would highlight for you the benefits of education here in the Pikes Peak region. Perhaps one of the strongest indicators of those benefits is the fact that we are able to attract a wonderful group of teachers throughout the Pikes Peak region. That's been going on here in Colorado Springs for years. As you know districts throughout our country are having difficulty with teacher shortages. We have the pleasure, indeed have the pleasure today of selecting the best and that's been going on for years. Which is the reason why here in the Colorado Springs area our student/teacher levels are exceptionally high. In District 11 in particular, we have a real cross-section of our students. Eighteen percent of our students are minority population. But at the same time our district has been providing a quality education since 1872. That quality is exemplified again by faculty here in Colorado Springs. District 11 has the highest number of teachers with masters degrees in our state, sixty-eight percent as a matter of fact, and a student body that consistently scores above the national average and has a tremendous number of honors that have been received on a regional, state, and national, and even on a national basis. How one of the quality indicators of life is education. All the indicators I've seen and there are generally ten of them, education is considered one of the ten. It's very important. My wife, when I became superintendent here, that's one of the questions. What are the schools like? We had children and we needed to be sure they were going to get a good education. I think you can be assured that will occur in anyone of a number of school districts from a semi-urban nature to rural. In that regard, District 11 which has a wonderful set of opportunities, and it's fascinating. We once had a student enrollment of 36,000 students. We're down to 30,000 students. So our high schools, junior high schools, we have a capacity that could easily address the type of needs that you're looking at. At the elementary level we have many areas in the district that could take some growth, other areas that could not. We will have to decide on additional elementary schools. To help you with my general understanding of this sort of thing, I was superintendent of schools in Fairbanks, Alaska for a period of six years. During the latter period of my

tenure there we had to plan for a light infantry division, where I had to work closely with the military and local officials in planning to receive the light infantry division and families in Fairbanks, Alaska. In that regard I've looked at the documents. I've enjoyed your presentation. And it depends on the thoroughness of how this sort of activity is going to proceed. I believe, at least on a tertiary look at it, we're taking some quality steps here should Colorado Springs be selected. I think the many concerns that people have about congestion and other related issues can be solved. And I think our community has benefits and growth potential to solve those if the planning is done in a thorough manner. I can state from my personal background and experience on that sort of thing and if done properly with a lot of hard work involved with the people here in this room and of course people who will work closely it can be done. Colorado Springs provides the opportunity for it to be done exceptionally well. There are other districts in our area who have received funds for additional high schools that I'm aware of who have literally put a hold on to accomplish future growth and are waiting for that growth. In summary, it seems to me that Colorado Springs has the potential for a good marriage and we hope that that marriage is consummated. 15.10

COLONEL MORRISON

Thank you, Mr Burnley. Our next speaker will be Mr Tim Andersen, followed by Wayne Coute, I think. I apologize if I mispronounce anybody's name.

TIM ANDERSON

Good evening, Colonel Morrison. My name is Tim Anderson. I'm a student at Colorado College here in Colorado Springs. I represent AMICUS, which is the Association of Military/Industrial Complex Unconditional Supporters. I'm here to read a statement we have prepared. AMICUS strongly supports the transfer of the Air Force Space Systems Division and Air Force Ballistic Organization to Colorado Springs area bases for the following reasons: 15.7

Number 1 - We are tired of Denver getting all the attention as an officially polluted city while we sit on the sidelines with a boring, wholesome image. A big city atmosphere worthy of federal cleanup dollars is what we want.

Number 2 - Springs residents on the East end of town can't wait to have a big city traffic experience. We note that one of the reasons for the move from LA is traffic congestion. If there is any big city we envy more than Denver, it is Los Angeles

Number 3 - The new concrete and asphalt has many beneficial spin-offs. Several of our mountains need the kind of facelift that only a rock quarry can provide. Also, our native vegetation is benign and boring. Runoff from additional streets and parking lots means erosion and creates a space for ragweed and other pollen and spore producing plants. Pharmacies would benefit from increased sales of allergy medicine.

Number 4 - The proximity of the Air Force Academy to the new facilities cries out for a connecting tunnel. Upon graduation, cadets can go directly to their new jobs without distractions. Those handicapped by tunnel vision would have a new career opportunity.

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Number 5 - The added car driving population would help us get our fair share of Mideast oil currently being fought for in the sands of Arabia.

Number 6 - Getting these new facilities should put us near the top of the enemy's target list. In case of nuclear war, we will be the envy of those unfortunate enough to survive the initial bombs. As the vapors of our sacrificed bodies waft heavenward they'll still be trying to figure out what to do next. "First to glow, first to go."

Number 7 - And finally, our city needs this challenge. City and county taxes are too low. Paying for new roads, schools, and city services is a politician's dream. Counselors, psychologists, and co-dependency workers are crying for more business. Hospitals have too many empty beds. The added strain on water resources would be a real incentive to start research on water substitutes.

In closing, we would suggest that those who agree with our point of view immediately send money to the Air Force to help pay for this transfer. If you do, please mention AMICUS and all the work we've done to help promote this endeavor. Thank you for your attention and I'll submit this statement. I have a copy of it

COLONEL MORRISON

Our next speaker is Wayne Coute followed by Mr Alfred Champion

MR COUTE

My name is Wayne Coute. My address is 3657 Ian Point Terrace here in Colorado Springs

Colonel Morrison, I'm speaking as a private concerned citizen. I'm a former member of the United States Navy and a former

employee of DoD. I appreciate some of my colleagues that went before me and some of their comments. I'll try not to repeat myself. I understand currently Colorado Springs has approximately between 29 and 33 percent of the labor force which is employed directly or indirectly by the military or DoD. The relocation of SSD I think would be significant otherwise we all wouldn't be here. So some of the mitigating impacts that have been glossed over or talked about, I think need to be addressed much more clearly. Two of them that are significant as brought up in your report, Major Vroman, water and the air pollution. Since we do live in a semi-arid, arid climate any further depletion which would have to be replaced by current basin water supplies, and as mentioned the Homestake Water Project is seriously mired in litigation that would definitely be a snakes' nest if we had to go through that. Hopefully, we will not. Air pollution, we have been fortunate to trail Denver significantly in brown clouds and smog. However, in the winter time we get air inversion, brown cloud, and particulate matter is significant. Through the relocation of SSD we would probably see a dampening turn in tourism, corporate relocations, and quality of life. The third thing that has us, no matter how this is dealt with it continues to be dangerous and at best, a questionable endeavor. And given the record of the military use of land and hazardous waste I question whether it can be done. I reference the Nevada Test centers, bombing ranges, White Sands, Manforth, as some examples of accidents and mis-endeavors. Furthermore, once a decision is made to relocate here and the gates closed, it's difficult for private citizens, concerned parties, to do anything about it. What goes on behind those gates is difficult to control. I think probably the psychological impact of having ICBM testing control center here in Colorado Springs, which has drawn a Christian base, an enviable quality of life, would be dramatic, in fact significant. This proposal to move thousands of people from the LA area which has abundant amounts of smog, congestion, crime, drug use, and high cost of living, and then bringing it here, which we have relative small amounts of. It seems to me we're just fermenting the same in just a different location. I respectfully request that you go elsewhere. Thank you 15.7

COLONEL MORRISON

Thank you. The next speaker will be Mr Alfred Champion. (The proposed speaker did not appear.) Mr Champion decided not to speak. Next speaker will be Flora Holmes

FLORA HOLMES

My name is Flora Holmes and I do not have a prepared statement. I'm here as a representative of Cimmerron Hills which would be a 15.21

neighboring community. And I find tonight that my area will probably be impacted in a couple of ways by the move either to Falcon Air Force Base which is five miles or so from me, and also since I live under the takeoff pattern of Peterson Air Force. I also am a consumer of Cherokee Water District. So I'm concerned about the impact on those three systems and aware with recent buildups in arms and the action in Iraq, that there is significant increase in *noise pollution in my area. As a school social worker* I am concerned also about the unemployment that already exists and I hope that the current unemployment rate of our city would certainly be considered and not just a move of military from one location to another. There are civilian unemployed to be considered. As a pastor I'm also concerned about the buildup of arms at a time we are concerned about negotiating and summit to reduce arms. And lastly I'm concerned about is the buildup that is implied, the hazardous waste and solid waste in the area. Thank you *for your attention*

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COLONEL MORRISON

Thank you, Mrs Holmes. We've been going now for an hour and a half. What I'd like to do is take a ten minute recess and reconvene in ten minutes.

The hearing recessed at 2032 hours, 8 September 1990. Thereafter, the hearing came to order at 2050 hours, 8 September *1990*. Colonel Morrison, Colonel Bergeman, Mr Yonkers, and Major Vroman were present again at their respective seats.

The next speaker will be Mr Sprunger-Froese, followed by Erika Close, followed by Mr Paul Rochette.

MR SPRUNGER-FROESE

Thank you. My name is Peter Sprunger-Froese. I live at 235 E. Fountain Boulevard, and I'm a citizen.

I would briefly just like to say I see the plan for SSD here as a sort of a collaring to old thinking. I feel that we'll refuse to divest from our fanciful and frequently very arrogant quest to be number one, rather than the more intelligent question of asking how do we wish to live, each and all, together on this earth. In other words, I feel the statement and the proposal of this move refuses to entertain the notions of, for instance, civilian based defense, nonviolence. I feel that it refuses to entertain the notion of common security, as indeed the only true form of security for any one nation. And I feel the environmental crisis, as we have all over the world, recognizes no political boundary. And I feel the ongoing threat of war, and the ongoing apparatus of war, only enlarges that larger environment threat besides the human threat. I discourage this transfer because I see the same problem inherent in the SSD proposal, as for instance, in many of the criticisms that were made by victims of many of the Eastern European and Soviet systems in 1988. For instance, I see a lack of participation in the economic decision making of this kind of a move. I fear the destruction of the environment, the details of which I will not go into at this point. I fear the privileges of the powerful and elite will be uppermost, at the expense of many of other common citizens whose voices and needs are neglected. I feel the oppression of dissidents will be less likely heard as it has been for many years in the Eastern European arena. And, of course I see a parallel to the usual poverty of consumerism. We've heard that voice a lot in the Eastern Europe arena, and of course we hear that increasingly in this system and I'm grateful for that. I also see a parallel in the suffering of the huge global undercloss, of those who are ecology and economically, economically and socially impoverished. As it happened in Eastern Europe for so long, Soviets. I feel that we cannot paper over these problems anymore. The Greek myth of Narcissus comes to mind. In this myth, Narcissus fell hopelessly in love with his own reflection in the water and drowned trying to reach it. In other words, I feel without vision and principle we as a people will perish. And I believe we can change. We can have courage to think in terms of global security and not in terms of our own national grandiosement. Thank you.

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COLONEL MORRISON

Our next speaker will be Paul Rochette, followed by N. U. Littrell.

MR ROCHETTE

Good evening. Thank you for the opportunity to speak. I would like to add a little bit of information on two areas of the analysis in the EIS and supplement to the economic impact on the system. The first concern is the availability of housing in Colorado Springs. I'm not sure if you folks have this data at this point. But essentially, based on the Pikes Peak area of council of governments on the market analysis, 1988 version, we have an approximate number of 21,000 vacant housing units in the Colorado Springs area. Using vacancy rates that are considered adequate to provide a decent supply and selection of existing homes, we have an excess vacancy of approximately 18,000 homes in the Colorado Springs area. Based on the approximate 10,000 direct and induced jobs that will be permanent after the construction is finished, and dividing that by a labor force participation or a number of persons who work in each household greater than one, we

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find that we do have an Adequate amount of housing in the Colorado Springs area to supply the entire demand of Space Systems Division. Although there may be some mismatch between prices of houses that are available and prices of houses demanded, we do wish now for you to take note of the excess supply that we have in the Colorado Springs area. The other bit of information that I would like to add is the availability of labor in the Colorado Springs area. The latest unemployment data shows that we have approximately between eleven and twelve thousand persons unemployed. I know I have the May date there and I believe the June date was when it was released. Based on the approximate, the 10,000 direct and induced permanent employments subtraction military from the military employment we have a need for about 15,700 new workers in the Colorado Springs area. Obviously all 11,000 won't fit into the needs that you have. However, we do have a very large supply excess unemployed in Colorado Springs and this will mitigate any dent, any impact we have on the Colorado Springs economy in terms of bringing in an excess of population, a large number of population. So essentially those are the two data I would enter into the record and I thank you for your time.

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COLONEL MORRISON

Thank you, Mr Rochette. Our next speaker will be N.U. Littrell, followed by Mr Jack Lessovitz.

MR LITTRELL

Thank you, Colonel Morrison. My name is Hal Littrell. I live at 985 Bear Paw Lane North, Colorado Springs. I've lived in Colorado Springs since 1948. I'm the Chairman of the Defense Mission Task Force of the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce, whose primary objective and main purpose in our function to this date, is to work on the proposal of moving SSD to Colorado Springs. We have a *very diversified group of people who are working on this project.* And we also have spent many many hours for several months looking into the environmental impact issues that would affect Colorado Springs area. Noone in this community is more organized or does more effectively work concerning environmental impact issues than the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce. The very first issue that came to our mind on this proposal was what impact it would have on our environment, on our quality of life, and these issues of which we use constantly to try to sell this region to those who we are trying to entice to come here. When we look at the total proposal as it related to what we already have in Colorado Springs, and look at the coexistence of the space systems that we have here, we look back at the original plan when it was included that it would become a full complement of space development organization. And then we've looked at the program that we have today working in Colorado Springs, which is controlled here, that really are not as much in the military programs as a lot of people would be led to believe, such as today where we have all of our navigational systems in the satellite systems. Our communications are all in satellite systems. Our surveillance systems are all in satellite systems. And all of our weather morning systems are all in satellite systems. We find that the technology involved in coming to Colorado Springs is basically to protect the environment of all countries rather than to make them much worse. We have the expansion availability within this community that would not adversely and detrimentally impact this region at all. The Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce, Military Affairs Council will continue to support our fine military citizens who come here and those people who defend the right of anyone to walk up to this microphone and say whatever they want to, whether it has any validity or not. Thank you very much for allowing me to come here.

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COLONEL MORRISON

The next speaker will be Mr Jack Lesscovitz.

MR LESSCOVITZ

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My name is Jack Lesscovitz. I'm speaking for the Pikes Peak Greens. We're part of the International Green Alliance. The point that we'd like to make is that perhaps that there's been a factor that the Air Force has not considered. Well, the Air Force is putting, it seems like, all of the space, officers, technical experts in one location. Colorado Springs has a problem in that we're in the direct route on waste from Rocky Flats. Within ten or three years they'll be transporting nuclear waste less than three blocks from here, four blocks from here. This could affect this country. If there was a spill, a nuclear waster spill, by means of a truck it could damage the capacity of this country to defend itself. We're putting all of our eggs into one basket and we may as well poison our own selves. Thank you.

COLONEL MORRISON

The next speaker will be Mr James Mundt, followed by Mr Gary Cuddeback.

MR MUNDT

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Colonel Morrison, I am James Mundt. I work at 523 North Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado. I represent the downtown Rotary Club and the Retired Officers Officiation. I think it's important that this committee consider that there are, the largest retired officer association chapter exists in Colorado Springs. That is composed of a lot of officers. There are a lot of enlisted men with the technical qualifications that you're going to need here for these people that don't move. While that will increase employment in Colorado Springs, it will not increase necessarily the number of people here, because these people are already here and already reside here, and would just take on a second career in a field they know. That would reduce the environmental impact. I've been here off and on since the early seventies when I was a staff judge advocate at Fort Carson. I will tell you that this community will work with the Air Force, as they have with the Army, and with the other services to solve any of the problems that exist. They did it then. They've had a history of doing it. And I feel they will continue to do so. As the president of the Downtown Rotary Club I represent about 150 professional and business leaders in this community. My words to you from that club is, 'You all come. We'll work it out.' Thank you.

COLONEL MORRISON

Thank you, Mr Mundt. The next speaker will be Mr Gary Cuddeback, followed by Mr Samuel Johnson.

MR CUDDEBACK

Good evening. My name is Gary Cuddeback. I'm the Director of Economic Development for the City of Colorado Springs, and very pleased to be here tonight and noted also some comments on the draft EIS. This document was reviewed by city staff, by city experts in a number of areas regarding city services in their area of expertise and I have some detailed comments concerning their views. In terms of traffic and road improvements, the Mayor has already spoken to the improvements in transportation to be put in place around the Air Force base, 24, 24, when the bypass comes. I won't go into detail again. In terms of water supply, well, it has been mentioned I think some, facts bear repeating. Colorado Springs developed water supply is currently adequate to accommodate in excess of twice our area's demand for service. These supplies consist of 75 percent transmountain service water, 24 percent local service water, and only 1 percent ground water. Major capital improvements which have been budgeted and were under construction at this point in time exceed 180 million dollars and will more than adequately supply the greatest SSD plan as well as all other anticipated city growth now planned. One area that hasn't been, I'd like to touch on rather, is air quality. And we had our air quality experts look at this particular area and that of the comments in the EIS. The Colorado Springs area had to work very diligently to improve the region's air quality, along with the other Colorado Springs community. The last carbon monoxide CO violation in El Paso County was January 30th, 1988. We have been in attainment for meeting the required standards for the last nine consecutive standards in this community. We believe that at the conclusion of the EIS, that is the results of this project could result in a delay of the CO attainment status by El Paso County is questionable, utilizing analysis of the increase of traffic on the one hour carbon monoxide standard. In the past ten years the monitoring in Colorado Springs there has never been an exceedance of the one hour standard. And as I said there has not been an eight hour violation since January of 1988. All maximum CO concentrations have been recorded in the I-25 corridor.' And maximum CO concentrations in the Eastern county we are confident it will be much less, near Peterson. In addition, population and traffic increases from this proposed project are within the estimates counted for in the state limitation plan, and are therefore unlikely to result in further air quality violations. I've hit some subjects and in terms of cultural and

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philanthropical resources, the issue of prehistoric sites occurring within the location designated as site 3 in the EIS, this was addressed by our staff, has been determined that these resources are not located on site 3 and there will be no impact on these campsites by the development of the proposed action. In terms of other facilities, in regards to city services, the city of Colorado Springs can more than adequately handle the requirements of a fully developed SSD project. We're looking at power, waste water treatment, air service, as the mayor mentioned, will be existing in planned facilities. The document is generally accurate in that regard but a more complete review of the draft EIS will be provided in writing by our staff. I'd like to close by reiterating the city's support for the relocation of SSD to Colorado Springs, and it's ability to accommodate the facilities and personnel that would accompany that relocation. However, not only does the city have the physical capability of accommodating this project, but our history is strong in productive relations with the military command: our existing space operations, our high industrial base and legal force, and our excellent educational system which was mentioned here tonight, provide the logical, strategic, and economic basis for this relocation to our area. I want to thank you very much for the opportunity to come here tonight.

COLONEL MORRISON

Our next speaker will be Samuel Johnson, followed by Doctor Richard Williams.

MR JOHNSON

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I am Sam Johnson. I have just come from Chicago after nine years in Austin, Texas, and was born in Colorado and grew up here. I've been gone for fifteen years and I've just moved back in the last two weeks. I can't imagine anyone having been gone fifteen years and coming back to this town and saying that it's better than it was fifteen years ago. It's bigger and the sprawl is poorly controlled. In just a few days I've been able to find out from various people how poorly planned the annexation and deannexation folly is for this city. And it's depressing to me to see it. So I'm a little upset coming home to find this deshabille. The environmental impact statement -- I've just come from the Field Museum in Natural History in Chicago where I worked full time with the insect collection division, also teaching natural history and ecology at a couple of colleges in the Chicago area. I'm coming back here to do graduate work and I'll be watching you in ecology. I'm shocked, maybe because I'm used to reading scientific literature as the quality of the environmental impact statement. It may be written by engineers. It's not written by professional

ecologists who care about the science of their field. The listing of thirteen species that are endangered, threatened, or candidates for these that may occur in the region is just simply lifted off a list. There's no information about these and if we don't see bald eagles around here anymore you can be sure we won't. We will assert, we will ascertain forever that we will never see these kinds of things with this kind of expansion and such poorly planned dividing of the land. I'm amazed that our Representative Bafley could call the water problem at Falcon, the 'water thing.' I'm shocked that the lieutenant governor could say he thinks it's great as long as we don't worry about anymore transbasin water diversion. These are serious problems. Riparian rights in this country is the biggest mess of law and the biggest mess of law in the history of the world, and it's certainly in this country for sure. And probably in Colorado we're second only to the Los Angeles County where they've diverted the Owens River Canal which is still under litigation after a hundred years. That's where they're coming from to bring it here. I think that's very poor planning. And then the mayor, who interned me tonight, what a shock -- no community, no community to better equipped for water than Colorado Springs? You don't have to be traveled to know this is absurd. I came from Chicago where the people leave their water running all day. It doesn't make any difference to the water supply. This is a water poor area and that's why we dug under the Continental Divide to take 55 percent of our water from another water shed across the Continental Divide. Water is a big problem here. We're just going to push it under the rug. Growth. It seems our elected officials here are only concerned about growth. Is it bigger? Is it more? Do we have more jobs? Do we get more money? Do we build more houses? And therefore it's better? Is that what a doctor says when he sees a growth inside you? Oh, it's growth. Look at how fast it's growing. That's absurd. And it's absurd economically and it's absurd ecologically. Let me rap this up. The EIS is a sad state and it needs a lot of work. It may be better to move the facility here than in New Mexico or California. I just got the statement a couple days ago and had hardly time to read it. But a cursory look said it's just very poor. In 1987, September 8th, tomorrow, 1987, I collected three species of butterflies right near Ellicott, right at the border of the Falcon Air Station. All three were the state records for Colorado. The first time they'd ever been taken in Colorado. Two of these have never been taken since, although no one has gone out there to look. And one of them was finally rediscovered in Crowley County and in Elbert County, one specimen each. The EIS will never find this out. It's published, but they won't see it. They won't do this kind of research. A huge amount needs to be done before we pick up and move ten thousand more people out to these plains. Thank you very much, colonel.

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COLONEL HORRISON

Our next speaker will be Doctor Williams, followed by Dr David Finkleman

DOCTOR WILLIAMS

Thank you, Colonel Horrison and panel. My name is Dick Williams. My address is 3800 Flint Way in Broomfield. But I was born and raised, and graduated from what used to be called Colorado Springs High School, and now called Palmer High School, a product of District 11. I'm here because some of my friends and neighbors alerted me to this meeting and my expertise for the last fifteen or twenty years has been on the impact of base closings and military spending on local communities. And although I might sound like an academic from time to time I'm really not. I own my own small business, a consultation firm. And so I have to deal with the realities of that kind of hassle in this community and know what works and what doesn't. I'm more disturbed, I think, when I read this EIS or draft EIS, about what I read there and how it differs from some research that I have done on 44 communities in the United States that have experienced base closings. And most of them, in addition to the job question which I'll get to in a minute, have had some significant cleanup jobs. And so I have a question, I think, of the panel which I will pose in just a minute about it. Now what's going to be done about planning, in case after we move from Los Angeles, some here, and we move from here? What will be done to plan for the reuse of that particular area? I'm sure it's happened. I've lived long enough to see all kinds of transitions take place and I've collected data on most of them. There are two paragraphs on economics in here so I'm going to spend a little time on that because I think they may be misleading to members of the community and maybe even to the panel. When it talks about jobs here, ten thousand or so direct jobs, one main alternative to bringing all the shooting match up here, if you'll pardon the expression, out here. And that that ten thousand jobs and that project will generate about eight thousand indirect jobs. Now that's a very difficult figure to confirm. And I think I'd like to have the community understand that usually these estimates done by the software that's used by the Army Engineers, tends to overestimate the number of jobs and the number of dollars that are brought here to the community by such an enterprise. And what I am finding when I look at the data on 44 communities across the United States, after the base closes, that for a couple of years or more before the base closed, the community has already been in economic difficulty. For instance, Chippewa County in Michigan, for two years before the base closing there, at Kincheloe Air Force Base, the official unemployment rate for the area was 20 percent. And I hear something close to 10 or 12 percent here in

Colorado Springs now, which is higher than it was, as one of our neighbors said, fifteen years ago by quite a bit. We find that in the communities that close, experience the base closing, there is a great deal of consternation, a lot of fear, and people have to get together and work together. But within two years after that, typically there are twice as many jobs in that community as there were lost when the base closed. And not only that, I followed up on these 44 communities over a 25 year period, and I find that each one of these communities after the base is gone have been able to add a significant number of jobs each year, some up to 10 percent new jobs annually, which is five times the national average of job increases per annum. I think we ought to be aware of all these things. And the economics of the situation is going to affect, no matter what you say, the use of the environment. There'll be fewer jobs generated by a military base than is estimated, that we already know. We have it documented. There will be more population growth than was estimated. And that means that there might be fewer jobs, higher unemployment. There'll be less dollars than for the environment, which are generally called the amenities, whether they aren't or perhaps required for life (or quality of life or not. So I have two questions. Is there any closure plan included in your environmental and your economical research, and your statement? Will there be any kind of plan for cleanup after this use? Second question I would have, would be, will the panel, will the committee look very carefully at the input in the economy of Colorado Springs, in comparison with other kinds of alternatives? We have found in our studies that the best way to increase the economic health of a community is to look to multiple small business and diversification, and not to increase the concentration of economic activity in the same sector. Will you please look at that question. Thank you

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COLONEL HORRISON

Our next speaker will be Doctor Finkleman, followed by Mr Bill Sulzman

DOCTOR FINKLEMAN

Thank you for the opportunity to speak, Colonel Horrison. I have a prepared statement I would like to leave as well. I would like to speak objectively to some of the matters discussed in the environmental impact statement, and I do so with some credibility I have been directly or indirectly responsible for the emplacement of the (hindview) laser facilities at San Juan Capistrano, for the (hindview) laser test facility at White Sands. I have counted legless lizards in the desert. I have dealt with fluoride (situations) in urban areas. And I think I'm qualified to speak on some of these subjects. Incidentally, I hold a doctorate in

(garden and ex-food mechanics) and chemical kinetics from MIT. Two matters I would like to place up for consideration would make Colorado Springs look more desirable than the environmental impact statement currently reflects. There are two fundamental assumptions that involve all of the studies. One is that the facility requirements, I believe, should not include 170,000 square feet of laboratory space. As best I can determine that space is required for the Aerospace Corporation, since the Space Systems Division personnel perform no direct research. The laboratory facilities are currently adequate for the purpose intended and probably from the viewpoint of some of those who've spoken earlier this evening, among the most environmentally objectionable pieces of this action. There is great precedent among FFRDC's for not performing their basic research collocated with the activities that they support. In fact the Aerospace itself had nearly a hundred people in Albuquerque from removed from Los Angeles and is building a contingent here in Colorado Springs. So I'd submit that at worst laboratory facilities should be relocated independently and as economically as possible. They need not move with the rest of Space Division. Second of all, I would offer that the EIS and other studies should consider sites other than those contiguous with Air Force installations. In fact we're not comparing comparable things. The current emplacement of Aerospace and Space Systems Division is not contiguous on an Air Force installation. There is private property involved. So if we were to compare two things that were alike, you should also look at moving Aerospace onto federal facilities totally, rather than into some property in Los Angeles That might significantly change the complexion of economics and fiscal trade-offs. I would not presume to trade-off. I would let it rely on valid costs and fiscal studies, rather than start with the assumption everything has to be on an Air Force base. Indeed in Colorado Springs that would mitigate environmental impacts even further by not requiring additional construction. And there are many, even commercial, facilities here that could be made sufficiently secure to house many of the operations that Space Systems Division performs. I would like to offer three or four points that are not relevant to Colorado Springs, but I find the environmental impact statement contentious, with respect to its treatment of Albuquerque, relative to Colorado Springs. Although it is purportedly an objective study, and I'm sure every attempt was made to make it so. The first thing is the circumstances have changed since the initial study was initiated. The Kirtland hospital building which is cited as one of the locations available in Albuquerque may no longer be available. The Air Force is consolidating laboratory activities concerning the space and missile subjects and is moving, starting this Fall, all support personnel, from Edwards Air Force Base, the astronautics laboratory, from several other facilities to collocate them with

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the space technology center which will become a major laboratory. It is my understanding that the space technology center which currently operates in the hospital building and was due to move back to Kirtland West, may not be able to do so because of the relocation of support personnel for the new laboratory system. In addition, I would also commend to you to include, inexpensive and convenient mitigations with the final summary and not as a separate section which many readers may not be able to get to, particularly the issues of the availability of water to satisfy requirements. And finally, again with respect to Albuquerque, the EIS states that Albuquerque would easily accommodate new offbase personnel. With respect to Colorado Springs, it says that it could accommodate new offbase personnel within existing and planned housing. I think the use of the subjunctive in reference to Colorado Springs, although unintentional, and the use of the adverb easily with respect to Albuquerque is a misstatement of the facts that could lead to misunderstandings. Thank you very much

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COLONEL HORRISON

Thank you. Our next speaker will be Mr Bill Sulzman, followed by Miss Mary Sprunger-Preese

MR SULZMAN

Thank you. My name is Bill Sulzman and I live at 817 1/2 South Tejon Street in Colorado Springs, and I am the staff person for a group called Citizens for Peace in Space. And I won't speak primarily from my professional bias against the moving of this. But I would like to start my remarks by talking about the legal dimensions of the question as I have been able to determine it for the last couple of years. And I was sort of inspired to do this because the United States Government from President Bush on down are talking a lot these days about international law. And they've been talking about international law, particularly in reference to chemical and biological weapons being in violation of the very fundamental tenants of international law, that we accept that. What the president has not gone on to say and what our government and our military have never gone on to say or to recognize is that the Geneva Convention which outlaw chemical and biological warfare by a very logical extension outlaw nuclear weapons. And as is outlined in the draft environmental impact statement, many of the jobs associated with this transfer have to do with the business of nuclear warfare. And it is my considered opinion, not yet recognized here in this country, but I think eventually to be, that the operations to be here are therefore in violation of international law. They bring to us a legal problem along with some of the other things talked about. The other question I'd like to spend some time on in this one sentence, I think in the

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report, about cumulative effect. Apparently the law only requires you to look at that in so far as other Air Force projects planned for the future, how they might contend with this project, the effect the environmental impact that this would have. I would just suggest that we have to look at that in retrospect, what's already here. And I would focus on one statement we've heard tonight here, as to why in this community we feel such an imbalance already, that we've got way, too much of this for a healthy economy. We have the mayor getting up here tonight and giving you a blank check for water at Falcon Air Force Base, fifteen miles East of the City of Colorado Springs. I mean that is so symptomatic of what already has happened here, that we have just too much of an impact from one kind job opportunity, or one part of our economy. It affects our politics. It affects our newspaper. It affects our media in general, our school system. Even so much as that all of the politicians that got up here and spoke tonight; they were supposed to be representative of the environment; not one of them focused on that in their remarks, other than to give blank check, carte blanche type statements about no problem. So I would ask you to look at that cumulative question in a different light, other than just what might be, what's already here and how does this cumulatively add to a bad situation. Another point, the toxic waste part of this statement. It mentions a considerable amount of toxic waste will be added to what's already generated. This state has had very bad problems with other DoD facilities, related to the fact that they have a big secrecy plan to operate under. Martin-Marietta has poisoned a lot of ground water in their in the plant. The Rocky Mountain Arsenal has created a tremendous water problem for Denver and its county through some of the very same things. You know, you might think, when you think about Rocky Mountain Arsenal you might be talking about nerve gas No. Solvents were one of the big problems. The problem is secrecy helps cover over basic screwups. And unless we can get an independent assessment of what we already have, and unless we can build into this model for your transfer, some kind of independent assessment that doesn't allow basic inefficiency and misuse of hazardous materials to be covered up by secrecy, when it's not ethical at all, it's a reason that our local officials on the taking of precisely an adversarial point of view rather than this sort of carte blanche, jumping on the bandwagon approach that we heard tonight. And the case, the classic case is the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons plant. I understand that's a sort of a different (ability), but secrecy there was used systematically over the years to cover up problems. And again, the big thing was the nuclear waste but some of the terrible poisoning of the water supplies there happened through solve and other kinds of chemicals that they were using to clean stuff, whether it was a by-product of some of the ordinary functions of non-nuclear machinery. And we just can't. I think one of the lessons is not allowing this kind

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of thing. Secrecy blank to cover over real problems that need to be addressed by an independent agency. So just in closing I also would add one point that, in the area of traffic and roads, and here again the politicians have not served us well. As you well know there will be no DoD funds to help with the lighting of Park Central Road or the making of 24 into an expressway, or with any of the street improvements. The city, county, and state are going to have to come up with those bucks on their own. Just because the base has moved here there will be no impact funds for that. I think the people of the city and county ought to be aware of that, that that sort of an oversight in thinking. So thank you for your attention.

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COLONEL MORRISON

The next speaker will be Miss Mary Sprunger-Freese.

MISS SPRUNGER-FREESE

I'm Mary Sprunger-Freese from 235 E. Fountain Boulevard, Colorado Springs 80903. And I am a church custodian and also the founder of First Strike Theater. And I have two associates who would like to make, who would like sing a statement and thus save time because the three of us are making the same statement as follows, two minutes and ten seconds I think. And this is about, I think, environment is the big word but it's about what is the motivation behind the impact study and that what we think needs to be questioned.

[The following statement was done in song.]

Money. Money. Money. Money. Money. Money. Money. We sell our brains for money. We make weapons plan. Some other space science should be responsible and serve the needs of man -- and woman. Bah. But we sell our souls for money. We work the government's way. Just tell us who, and how you want to kill, and we'll get started right away. Because we sell our talents for money. We serve the great corporations. We are the rue, creative elite, the best minds in the nation. And we sell our skills for money. We make the weapons which may kill us all but if we must die at least we'll all die rich. Napalm. H-Bombs. Nerve gas, too. SDI. High in the sky. Great things for me and you. Brilliant minds like Ronald Reagan's got this plan to be. Some may sign, criticize, but as for me, as for me. We sell our world for money, benefits and paid vacations. The world may be doomed when we get through but that's a problem for another generation. Yes, that's a problem for another generation.

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Thank you very much.

COLONEL MORRISON

That looks like the closing act for the evening. Is there anyone else who wants to speak before we close the record

[There was a response from the audience.]

Yes, come down to the podium

MR ZEITVOGEL

I never came here tonight expecting to speak but I never pass up the opportunity. I'm Charles Zeitvogel and I live at 2814 Flintridge Place, here in Colorado Springs.

COLONEL MORRISON

Would you spell your name for the record since I don't have a card on you, please?

MR ZEITVOGEL

Sure. It's Z - E - I - T - V as in victor - O - G - E - L. I liked the song. It alluded to preserving for the next generation. And that's what the NASA Space System and the Air Force and the national defense is all about. It's preserving a nation, the world, for another generation. I believe that Space Systems Division has to do more than just defense. It's space exploration and the spin-off technology will benefit people and the next generation, and generations thereafter. But getting back to something else that was just mentioned earlier, Doctor Burnley spoke about the educational opportunities here in Colorado Springs and the surrounding area, in the elementary schools and the high school level. I think you should also consider, perhaps you already have, the benefits of post graduate and graduate, post graduate opportunities here, both at Regis College, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Webster University and others. Webster University offers a very fine Masters program in procurement management. The University of Colorado, Colorado Springs offers the public administration program, Masters program, and aerospace. They have an excellent, are going to have an excellent Phd program in other engineering areas. So these things also from an environmental impact, quality of life, are something to consider. Certainly it's been alluded to, the number of excess houses in the Springs that are available and they're here. We have a wide variety of the type of homes that will accommodate the people who can afford the upper level living to those who cannot. It's here and the thing of it is if people move from the Los

Angeles area to this area, this city does have the capability to absorb the influx of additional people. I think the city would also benefit, environmentally speaking, from the influx of the minds that will come along. We won't have a brain drain here. We'll have the intellectual power, so to speak, that the science people and other technicians will bring with them. And so in closing I think the moving of the Space Systems Division to Colorado Springs would enhance the long range visibility of the city. Certainly there is problems. There would be problems. We take a walk in the forest and leave a foot print on the environment, on impact. An individual rides a bicycle up the Bar Trail can cause erosion. But the people who are going to be managing these systems are aware of these things and I think everything that can be done will be done about them. And also we allude to the problems that the Nevada test site, Rocky Flats, other places. Those were going through a learning curve. I don't think anyone did those things intentionally. Yes, there were some coverups and those were intentional. But in the initial aspect of it those were not done intentionally. I think the people who were responsible now are going to be aware of the possible impact that the solvents and other things used may cause. And so as a private citizen I encourage the very favorable consideration of the panel and those who are going to be the decision makers to move the Space Systems Division and all their ancillary activities to the Colorado Springs area. Thank you very much.

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COLONEL MORRISON

Well, thank you, ladies and gentlemen. Again the time period for submitting any type of written comments or suggestions, whether you use the comment card or not, is until 24 September 1990. And you can do this by mailing in your comments to the address noted in the handout. So even if you haven't made any comments in writing you still have a chance to do so before the 24th of September. I thank all of you for taking time from your busy schedules to attend this hearing tonight. It's been a learning experience for me. Possibly it has been for some of you. I assure you that a verbatim record of transcript will be made of everything said here this evening and submitted by the 24th of September, and will be prepared and considered by the decision makers and will form a part of the final environmental aspect. Thank you very much and good evening.

[The hearing adjourned at 2140 hours, 9 September 1990.]

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COL. MORRISON: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF YOU WANT TO GO AHEAD AND TAKE YOUR SEATS WE WILL BEGIN THE HEARING.

GOOD EVENING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. IT'S GRATIFYING TO SEE A TURN OUT BY PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN PROPOSED ACTIONS THAT MAY AFFECT THE CITIZENS OF THIS AREA.

ON THE SECOND OF APRIL, 1990, A SCOPING MEETING WAS HELD HERE TO IDENTIFY IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES THAT MAY BE INVOLVED IN THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND THE RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. SUBSEQUENTLY, VARIOUS STUDIES WERE CONDUCTED REGARDING THOSE AND OTHER CONCERNS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED CLOSURE AND RELOCATION AND A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WAS PREPARED.

THE AIR FORCE HAS NOW DISTRIBUTED THIS DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, WHICH ADDRESSES THE PROPOSAL TO CLOSE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND RELOCATE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION, BEGINNING IN 1993, AND FINISHING IN 1996. THE POTENTIAL IMPACT IDENTIFIED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL

IMPACT STATEMENT FOR KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE AREA ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN THE HANDOUTS AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE AUDITORIUM AND WILL BE ADDRESSED IN DETAIL TONIGHT BY MAJOR MARY VROMAN.

SHOULD YOU WISH TO REVIEW THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, COPIES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO LIBRARY AND THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC LIBRARY. IF YOU WANT YOUR OWN COPY, AND HAVE NOT ALREADY RECEIVED A COPY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, YOU MAY MAKE A SPECIFIC REQUEST BY WRITING TO THE ADDRESS SHOWN ON THE HANDOUT OR THE WRITTEN COMMENT SHEET.

NOW, JUST WHY ARE WE HERE THIS EVENING? THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS TO SOLICIT INPUT FROM PUBLIC AGENCIES, PRIVATE ORGANIZATION, AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. THIS HEARING IS BEING HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT AND IMPLEMENTING FEDERAL REGULATIONS WHICH REQUIRE FEDERAL AGENCIES TO CAREFULLY ANALYZE POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF CERTAIN PROPOSED ACTIONS AND TO USE THOSE ANALYSES IN ARRIVING AT DECISIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO WHETHER TO PROCEED AND HOW TO PROCEED WITH A PARTICULAR ACTION.

I HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS PRESIDING OFFICER FOR TONIGHT'S PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE PROPOSED

CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND THE RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION, INCLUDING THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION. I AM COLONEL WADE MORRISON, I'M AN ATTORNEY, AND I SERVE AS A FULL TIME MILITARY COURT JUDGE STATIONED AT RANDOLF IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

I'M NOT ASSIGNED TO KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE OR ANY OF THE BASES OR COMMANDS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR THIS RELOCATION. I'M NOT HERE AS A EXPERT ON THIS DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, NOR HAVE I HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH IT'S DEVELOPMENT, AND I'M NOT HERE TO ACT AS A LEGAL ADVISOR FOR THE AIR FORCE REPRESENTATIVES WHO WILL ADDRESS THIS PROPOSAL. MY PURPOSE HERE TONIGHT IS SIMPLY TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE A FAIR, ORDERLY HEARING, AND THAT ALL WHO WISH TO BE HEARD HAVE A FAIR CHANCE TO SPEAK TONIGHT.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE AIR FORCE HERE THIS EVENING ARE COLONEL ELDON FRANKLIN, BASED IN THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SQUADRON AT KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE. COLONEL FRANKLIN WILL REPRESENT KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE THIS EVENING.

NEXT, MR. TERRY YONKERS, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING DIVISION AT HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND AT ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, MARYLAND. MR. YONKERS WILL SPEAK ABOUT THE PROPOSED CLOSURE ACTION AND RELATED BASE CLOSURE STUDIES.

AND LAST, FROM THE AIR FORCE REGIONAL CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE AT NORTON AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA, MAJOR MARY VROMAN. MAJOR VROMAN IS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION, AND SHE WILL DESCRIBE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSES PROCESS AND THE CONCLUSIONS REPORTED IN THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

WE HAVE A COURT REPORTER THIS EVENING, MISS VICKIE BLAIR, WHO WILL BE TAKING DOWN VERBATIM EVERYTHING THAT IS SAID TONIGHT ASK THIS WILL BECOME PART OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, WHICH IN TURN BECOMES A PART OF THE AIR FORCE REGARD RECORD OF DECISION. NOW, SEE CAN ONLY DO HER JOB PROPERLY IF SHE CAN HEAR AND UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING THAT'S BEING SAID, SO THOSE OF YOU WHO WILL BE MAKING PUBLIC COMMENTS THIS EVENING, PLEASE KEEP THAT IN MIND.

NOW LET ME STATE WHAT THIS HEARING IS NOT. THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE A DEBATE, NOR A REFERENDUM OR A VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ACTION ITSELF. SUCH THINGS DON'T ADD ANYTHING TO THE WRITTEN HEARING RECORD AND SIMPLY WASTE YOUR VALUABLE TIME DURING THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR PERSONAL INPUT INTO THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS. THE FOCUS OF THIS HEARING IS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSALS BEING STUDIED BY THE AIR FORCE. COMMENTS ON NON-ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES SHOULD NOT BE RAISED AT THIS HEARING.

WHAT THIS HEARING IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE IS A PUBLIC FORM FOR TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION ABOUT THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, WITH A VIEW TOWARD IMPROVING THE OVER ALL DECISION MAKING PROCESS.

YOU'LL NOTICE I SAID "TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION". THE FIRST PART OF THE HEARING PROCESS LETS THE AIR FORCE'S MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE PEOPLE BRIEF YOU ON THIS PROPOSAL, IT'S DETAILS AND THE ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. THE SECOND PART OF THE PROCESS IS TO GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE THE AIR FORCE INFORMATION AND TO MAKE STATEMENTS FOR THE RECORD. YOUR INPUT ENSURES THAT DECISION MAKERS MAY BENEFIT FROM YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOCAL AREA AND ANY ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS THAT YOU THINK MAY RESULT FROM THE PROPOSED ACTION.

AS YOU CAME INTO THE AUDITORIUM THIS EVENING, YOU WERE PROVIDED AN ATTENDANCE SHEET -- OR AN ATTENDANCE CARD, RATHER -- AND ASKED TO INDICATE OR IT WHETHER YOU HAD ANY COMMENTS FOR TONIGHT'S HEARING. WHEN THE AIR FORCE BRIEFERS ARE FINISHED, I WILL RECOGNIZE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING COMMENTS. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT YET FILLED OUT A CARD TO SPEAK, AND YOU WISH TO DO SO, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND AND SOMEONE WILL DISTRIBUTE MORE CARDS; SO IF YOU WANT TO SPEAK AND YOU HAVEN'T INDICATED SO ON A CARD, JUST GO AHEAD AND RAISE YOUR HAND AND SOMEONE WILL GIVE YOU A CARD TO FILL OUT.

OUR ORDER OF PROCEEDING IS IN THREE PARTS. FIRST, A BRIEFING FROM MR. TOWERS ON THE PROPOSED CLOSURE AND RELOCATION ACTION, AND THE OVERALL STUDY PROCESS. THEN YOU'LL RECEIVE A BRIEFING FROM MAJOR VROMAN ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSES PROCESS AND THE CONCLUSIONS REPORTED IN THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

FOLLOWING THESE PRESENTATIONS, WE WILL THEN PROCEED TO THE PUBLIC INPUT PORTION OF THE HEARING. ELECTED OFFICIALS WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK FIRST, FOLLOWED BY THE PUBLIC AT LARGE, WHOSE NAMES WILL BE CALLED RANDOMLY FROM THE CARDS HANDED IN.

NOW, IF YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE STANDING UP TONIGHT AND MAKING A STATEMENT ORALLY, YOU HAVE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 24TH OF THIS YEAR TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS. WRITTEN COMMENT SHEETS ARE PROVIDED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE AUDITORIUM FOR YOUR USE IN PROVIDING THESE COMMENTS. IN FACT, EVEN IF YOU MAKE COMMENTS TONIGHT, YOU HAVE UNTIL THE 24TH OF SEPTEMBER TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL COMMENTS IN WRITING TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED. WHETHER A STATEMENT IS MADE VERBALLY TONIGHT OR IN WRITING PRIOR TO THE 24TH OF SEPTEMBER, EACH STATEMENT WILL BE GIVEN EQUAL WEIGHT AND CONSIDERATION, SO DON'T FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE TO SPEAK TONIGHT IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS.

I WANT TO ENSURE THAT ALL WHO WISH TO SPEAK HAVE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD, SO PLEASE HELP ME

ENFORCE THE FOLLOWING GROUND RULES.

FIRST, SPEAK ONLY AFTER I RECOGNIZE YOU, AND PLEASE ADDRESS YOUR REMARKS TO ME. USE THE MICROPHONE, SPEAK CLEARLY AND SLOWLY, STARTING OUT WITH YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND THE CAPACITY IN WHICH YOU APPEAR; FOR EXAMPLE, PUBLIC OFFICIAL, DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE OF A GROUP, OR PRIVATE CITIZEN, SO OUR COURT REPORTER CAN DO HER JOB PROPERLY. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE ASK ONE QUESTION AT A TIME AND I'LL ALLOW A REASONABLE NUMBER OF QUESTIONS; BUT YOU HAVE A TIME LIMIT, SO PLEASE PRIORITIZE YOUR REMARKS TO ENSURE THAT YOUR MOST IMPORTANT REMARKS ARE ADDRESSED FIRST.

EACH PERSON WILL BE RECOGNIZED FOR A MAXIMUM OF FIVE MINUTES, THAT INCLUDES PUBLIC OFFICIALS, DESIGNATED SPOKESPERSONS, AND PRIVATE PERSONS. WE HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL SEATED NEAR THE SPEAKER'S PODIUM WHO WILL ASSIST AS THE TIME KEEPER AND HE WILL RAISE A YELLOW CARD AFTER FOUR AND A HALF MINUTES, WHICH IS AN INDICATION FOR YOU TO SUM UP YOUR REMARKS, AND HE WILL RAISE A RED CARD WHEN YOUR FIVE MINUTES ARE UP TO INDICATE THAT YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. PLEASE HONOR ANY REQUEST FROM ME THAT YOU STOP SPEAKING WHEN YOUR TIME IS IT UP, OTHERWISE WE MIGHT NOT HAVE TIME TO HEAR FROM EVERYTHING WHO WANTS TO BE HEARD.

PLEASE BE COURTEOUS AND DO NOT SPEAK WHILE SOMEONE ELSE IS SPEAKING. ONLY ONE PERSON WILL BE

RECOGNIZED AT A TIME.

AND FINALLY, OUR HOSTS HAVE ASKED IF YOU WOULD KINDLY REFRAIN FROM SMOKING IN THE AUDITORIUM.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION IN ADHERING TO ALL OF THESE RULES. I WILL MONITOR THE TIMES AND DO EVERYTHING WITHIN MY POWER TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO BE HEARD WILL BE HEARD.

WITH REGARD TO QUESTIONS, IT'S POSSIBLY THAT THERE WILL BE QUESTIONS THAT THE AIR FORCE REPRESENTATIVES WHO ARE HERE THIS EVENING WILL BE UNABLE TO ANSWER AND THAT COULD OCCUR FOR ONE OF TWO REASONS. FIRST, EVEN THOUGH A GOOD DEAL OF EXPERTISE IS ASSEMBLED HERE, THE PANEL WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS UNLESS THEY ARE CONFIDENT THAT THEY CAN DO SO ACCURATELY; AND SECOND, THERE MAY BE SOME QUESTIONS THAT HAVE NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS AND THOSE QUESTIONS MUST BE REVIEWED FURTHER BEFORE ANSWERS ARE PROVIDED. IF THIS SHOULD OCCUR, AND IF THE QUESTION IS RELEVANT, IT WILL BE ADDRESSED IN THE FINAL DOCUMENT, OF WHICH YOU CAN REQUEST A COPY.

ONE THING I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS AGAIN, YOU MAY HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS UNKNOWN TO US. WE ARE VERY INTERESTED IN HAVING AND ANALYZING ALL POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ACTION. YOU HAVE THE EXPERIENCE FROM LIVING IN AN AREA OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME. SO THIS SECOND PART OF TONIGHT'S

COMMUNICATION -- THE PART THAT FLOWS FROM YOU TO US -- IS IMPORTANT SO DON'T HESITATE TO BECOME PART OF THE PROCEEDINGS THIS EVENING.

IF WE RUN OUT OF TIME BEFORE EVERYONE GETS TO SPEAK, *YOU'RE INVITED TO SUBMIT A STATEMENT IN WRITING* TONIGHT OR AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE 24TH OF SEPTEMBER BY MAILING IT TO THE ADDRESS IN THE HANDOUT. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOUR STATEMENT IS ORAL OR IN WRITING, IT WILL BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD OF THESE PROCEEDINGS. IT WILL HAVE EQUAL WEIGHT AND RECEIVE THE SAME CAREFUL CONSIDERATION WHETHER MADE DURING TONIGHT HEARING OR AFTERWARDS.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO TURNED OUT TONIGHT. YOUR PRESENCE HERE IS COMMENDABLE AND REFLECTS *INTEREST IN* YOUR COMMUNITY AND THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO IT. LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT YOUR INTEREST IS THE PRIMARY PURPOSE FOR US BEING HERE THIS EVENING.

NOW IT'S MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE MR. TERRY TOWERS WHO WILL BRIEF THE PROPOSALS.

MR. TOWERS: GOOD EVENING. I'M TERRY TOWERS AND I'M HERE TONIGHT REPRESENTING HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND. WE ARE THE MAJOR COMMAND FOR SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION, WHICH I'M GOING TO REFER TO FROM TIME TO TIME DURING THIS PRESENTATION SIMPLY AS SSD. AND, AS COL. MORRISON HAS SAID, I WILL BE PRESENTING THE

PROPONENT'S VIEWPOINT TONIGHT.

TO BEGIN WITH, I WANT TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE BIT OF BACKGROUND ABOUT SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AND ITS MISSION AND THEN DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ACTION, WHICH IS TO CLOSE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND RELOCATE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION, INCLUDING THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION OR THE BMO, TO ONE OF FOUR LOCATIONS. THEN I WILL DISCUSS THE ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED ACTION, WHICH RANGE FROM PARTIAL RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION TO THE NO-ACTION ALTERNATIVE. AND THEN, FINALLY, I WANT TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR A VARIETY OF STUDIES THAT ARE BEING ACCOMPLISHED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE IS COMPOSED OF ABOUT 238 ACRES AND IT'S LOCATED IN THE SOUTH BAY REGION OF THE GREATER LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN AREA. IT'S SPECIFICALLY IN THE CITIES OF EL SEGUNDO, HAWTHORNE, AND LAWNDALE. IT IS THE HOST BASE FOR AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND'S SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION, AND AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE SSD IS THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION, WHICH IS A PRIVATELY OWNED, BUT FEDERALLY FUNDED, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER.

THE MISSION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION IS TO PLAN, PROGRAM, AND MANAGE THE ACQUISITION OF SPACE SYSTEMS, SUBSYSTEMS, SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, AND THE RELATED HARDWARE AND

SOFTWARE. AND AMONG ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, SSD ALSO CONDUCTS RESEARCH, EXPLORATORY DEVELOPMENT, AND ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT FUTURE SPACE MISSIONS.

THE RECENT REALIGNMENT OF THE BALLISTIC MISSILE SYSTEM PLACED THE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE, OR THE ICBM PROGRAMS, WITH SSD. THIS UNIT, NOW KNOWN AS THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION, HAS A DEDICATED SYSTEMS ENGINEERING/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, OR SETA, CONTRACTOR WHO WOULD ALSO BE A PART OF THE PROPOSED RELOCATION.

IN THE PROPOSED ACTION AND IN THE ALTERNATIVES, SSD AND ITS SUPPORTING UNIT, INCLUDING THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION, ARE REFERRED TO AS SSD-LOS ANGELES. THE BMO AND ITS SUPPORTING UNITS, INCLUDING ITS SETA CONTRACTOR, ARE REFERRED TO AS SSD-SAN BERNARDINO; AND THIS IS THE DESIGNATION THAT YOU SEE THROUGHOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

THREE FUNCTIONAL GROUPS WITHIN SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS RELOCATION EVALUATION. THESE INCLUDE THE SPACE SYSTEMS PROGRAM OFFICE, OR THE SPO, THE ICBM SPOS, AND "OTHER" SPO ACTIVITIES. THE SPACE SPOS -- RESPONSIBLE FOR DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, ACQUISITION, TEST, AND LAUNCH -- INCLUDE 1,240 MILITARY, 1,190 DOD CIVILIAN, 2,590 AEROSPACE CORPORATION AND 190 SETA CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL.

THE "OTHER" SPO ACTIVITIES AT SSD -- INCLUDING THE MIL-STAR JOINT PROGRAM OFFICE, OTHER ADVANCED AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS, THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION LABORATORIES, AND VARIOUS BASED OPERATING SUPPORT UNITS -- EMPLOY 510 MILITARY, 250 DOD CIVILIAN, AND 1,590 AEROSPACE CORPORATION PERSONNEL.

AND FINALLY, THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION ICBM SPOS MANAGE THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ACQUISITION PROGRAMS. THIS SPO ALSO PERFORMS THE ADVANCED STRATEGIC MISSILE TRI-SERVICE REQUIREMENTS, AND HAS 660 MILITARY, 570 CIVILIAN, AND 1,300 SETA CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL.

THE PROPOSED ACTION AND THE ALTERNATIVES ARE BASED ON A CONSTRUCTION AND RELOCATION SCHEDULE BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 1993 AND ENDING IN FISCAL YEAR 1996. HOWEVER, DUE TO THE COMPLEXITY, THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROPOSAL, AND THE AVAILABLE RELOCATION RESOURCES, THE ACTUAL RELOCATION AND CONSTRUCTION COULD EXTEND OVER A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME -- THAT IS, BEYOND 1996.

THE PROPOSED ACTION, AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, IS THE TOTAL CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND THE COMPLETE CLOSURE OF THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION FACILITIES IN SAN BERNARDINO AND THE RELOCATION OF SSD-LOS ANGELES AND SSD-SAN BERNARDINO TO ONE OF FOUR LOCATIONS.

SSD SUPPORT UNITS CURRENTLY AT LOS ANGELES

ANT AT SAN BERNARDINO THAT DUPLICATE EXISTING UNITS AT THE RELOCATION INSTALLATION WOULD BE INACTIVATED.

THE CLOSURE OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION-LOS ANGELES FACILITIES WOULD INVOLVE A TOTAL OF [illegible]760 MILITARY AND 6,385 CIVILIAN PERSONNEL. THERE ARE ALS[illegible]VE TENANT UNITS THAT WOULD NOT MOVE WITH SSD AND WOULD RELOCATE WITHIN THE LOS ANGELES AREA.

THE CLOSURE OF SSD-SAN BERNARDINO FACILITIES WOULD INVOLVE A TOTAL OF 660 MILITARY AND 1,870 CIVILIAN PERSONNEL.

AS I MENTIONED, WE'RE CONSIDERING FOUR ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS FOR RELOCATION OF SSD. THESE INCLUDE: SLIDESHOWS AT VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE IN CALIFORNIA; MARCH AIR FORCE BASE IN CALIFORNIA; PETERSON AND FALCON AIR FORCE BASES IN COLORADO, WHICH ARE BEING CONSIDERED AS A SINGLE OPTION; AND, OF COURSE, KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE HERE IN NEW MEXICO.

FIVE ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED ACTION ARE CONSIDERED IN THIS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, AND ALTHOUGH THE ALTERNATIVES ARE NUMBERED IN THE DOCUMENT AND ALSO IN THIS PRESENTATION, THEY SHOULDN'T BE CONSTRUED TO IMPLY ANY RANKING OR ANY PRIORITIZATION OF THE ALTERNATIVES.

THE FIRST ALTERNATIVE TO THE PROPOSED ACTION IS SIMILAR TO THE BASIC PROPOSAL, BUT WHILE THE SPACE

SYSTEMS DIVISION-LOS ANGELES OPERATIONS WOULD BE RELOCATED TO ONE OF THE CANDIDATE LOCATIONS, THE SSD-SAN BERNARDINO OPERATIONS WOULD NOT MOVE AND THEY WOULD REMAIN AT SAN BERNARDINO.

THE SECOND ALTERNATIVE WOULD CLOSE CERTAIN AREAS OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND RELOCATE ONLY PORTIONS OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION-LOS ANGELES AND ALL OF SSD-SAN BERNARDINO, BUT WOULD NOT RELOCATE THE "OTHER" SPOS, OR SYSTEM PROGRAM OFFICES.

THE THIRD ALTERNATIVE WOULD CLOSE ONLY THE BMO FACILITIES IN SAN BERNARDINO AND RELOCATE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION SAN BERNARDINO TO ONE OF THE FOUR LOCATIONS.

THE FOURTH ALTERNATIVE CONSIDERS ONLY THE RELOCATION OF A THOUSAND PERSONNEL FROM SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION, WITH NO FACILITY CLOSURE AT EITHER LOS ANGELES OR SAN BERNARDINO.

THE FIFTH ALTERNATIVE, WOULD CLOSE ALL OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND RELOCATE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION LOS ANGELES TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, BUT WOULD LEAVE THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION IMPACT AT EL SEGUNDO AND SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION-SAN BERNARDINO IMPACT AT SAN BERNARDINO.

AND FINALLY, THE LAST ALTERNATIVE IS THE NO-ACTION ALTERNATIVE. IN THIS CASE, SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION-LOS ANGELES AND SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION-SAN BERNARDINO WOULD REMAIN AT THEIR EXISTING LOCALITIES AND

THEIR EXISTING FACILITIES, AS WOULD THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION AND BETA CONTRACTORS.

THE PROPOSED ACTION AND THE ALTERNATIVES, 1, 2, 3, AND 5, ARE CONTINGENT UPON SPECIAL LEGISLATION ALLOWING THE AIR FORCE TO DISPOSE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AND USE THE SALE PROCEEDS TO OFF-SET THE COSTS OF MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND THE ASSOCIATED CLOSURE AND RELOCATION.

AS I NOTED EARLIER, THERE ARE FIVE ADDITIONAL STUDIES REQUIRED UNDER THE UNITED STATES CODE TITLE 10, SECTION 2687, THE ACT KNOWN AS THE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ACT, AND IT REQUIRES THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE -- IN THIS CASE, THE AIR FORCE -- STUDY THE LOCAL ECONOMIC, OPERATIONAL, STRATEGIC, FISCAL, BUDGETARY, AS WELL AS THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED CLOSURE. THE STUDIES ARE UNDERWAY AND WILL BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS AS PART OF THE OVERALL DECISION PACKAGE.

THE LOCAL ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES STUDIES EXAMINES THE DIRECT PAYROLL LOSS IN THE EL SEGUNDO AND SAN BERNARDINO AREAS, AND SECONDARY EFFECT ON THE LOCAL BUSINESSES OCCASIONED BY THE LOSS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL, THEIR DEPENDENTS, AND CIVILIANS. IN ADDITION, THE STUDY WILL FOCUS ON THE EFFECTS TO THE LOCAL REAL ESTATE MARKET AND INDUSTRIES THAT MAY MOVE BECAUSE OF THE RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. ALSO, THE PROJECTED GROWTH IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE MEANS THE AFFECTED PROPERTY WILL BE

CONSIDERED IN THIS LOCAL ECONOMIC STUDY.

THE STRATEGIC STUDY ADDRESSES THE EFFECT OF REDUCING THE CONVENTIONAL, STRATEGIC, AND SPACE SYSTEMS AS THE THREAT TO NATIONAL SECURITY IS REDUCED.

THE OPERATIONAL STUDY WILL ADDRESS THE EFFECT OF RELOCATING SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION, INCLUDING THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION, IF THE DECISION IS MADE TO CLOSE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND THE BMO FACILITIES IN SAN BERNARDINO. IT WILL EXAMINE ALL THE TENANT AND JOINT SERVICE MISSION CHANGE RESULTING FROM A CLOSURE AND RELOCATION DECISION.

THE BUDGETARY STUDY WILL DETERMINE THE CURRENT YEAR PROGRAM DOLLARS, COSTS AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION, AND THE INACTIVATION OR RELOCATION OF ASSOCIATED OPERATIONAL AND SUPPORT UNITS.

AND FINALLY, THE FISCAL STUDY WILL USE THE BUDGETARY EVALUATION TO ANALYZE THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE COSTS AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. COST OF CLOSING AND THE SAVINGS WILL BE DETAILED THROUGH A LIFE CYCLE COST MODEL.

AS I MENTIONED, THE SIX STUDIES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE CONGRESS PROBABLY IN THE EARLY 1991 TIME FRAME.

I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR

ATTENTION, AND I WANT TO TURN THE MEETING BACK TO COL. MORRISON.

COL. MORRISON: NOW I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT MAJOR MARY VRONAN FROM THE AIR FORCE REGIONAL CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE AT NORTON AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA. MAJOR VRONAN WILL PRESENT AN OVERVIEW OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS PROCESS, DISCUSS ITS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ECONOMIC STUDY AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSES PROCESS, AND PRESENT THE RESULTS OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

MAJOR VRONAN: THANK YOU, SIR. GOOD EVENING. OUR ORGANIZATION IS CONDUCTING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS FOR THIS PROPOSAL, AS WELL AS OTHER PROPOSED CLOSURES AND REALIGNMENTS ANNOUNCED BY THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ON JANUARY 29TH OF THIS YEAR.

TONIGHT I WILL PRESENT THE SCHEDULE FOR THIS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSES PROCESS AND SHOW HOW THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FITS INTO THE SCHEDULE. I'LL ALSO DISCUSS THE SCOPE OF THE STUDY AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL ECONOMIC STUDY BEING PREPARED TO ADDRESS THE POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF RELOCATING THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION TO KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE. LAST, I WILL PRESENT THE RESULTS OF OUR ANALYSIS BY RESOURCE CATEGORY AND CONCLUDE WITH A SUMMARY OF THE POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL

IMPACTS.

THIS EFFORT WAS INITIATED ON FEBRUARY 9, 1990, WITH THE PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER OF TWO NOTICES OF INTENT TO PREPARE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS. THE NOTICES INDICATED THAT LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE WOULD BE STUDIED FOR CLOSURE AND THAT SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AND APPROPRIATE SUPPORTING UNITS WOULD BE STUDIED FOR RELOCATION. OUR DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ANALYZES BOTH THE CLOSURE AND RELOCATION ACTIONS.

FOLLOWING THE NOTICES OF INTENT, SCOPING MEETINGS WERE HELD TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT ON THE SCOPE OF THE ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND TO IDENTIFY THE SIGNIFICANT ISSUES RELATED TO THE PROPOSED ACTION. THE SCOPING MEETING FOR KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE WAS HELD HERE IN ALBUQUERQUE ON APRIL 2ND OF THIS YEAR.

SUBSEQUENT TO SCOPING THE ISSUES FOR STUDY, WE COLLECTED DATA AND CONDUCTED THE ANALYSIS WHICH SUPPORT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ON AUGUST 3, 1990.

IN ADDITION TO TONIGHT'S PUBLIC HEARING, PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

HAVE ALSO BEEN HELD IN OTHER COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OR RELOCATION. PUBLIC HEARING WERE HELD LAST WEEK IN EL SEGUNDO, LOMPOC, RIVERSIDE, AND SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA FOR THE CALIFORNIA BASES AND UNITS ADDRESSED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. A PUBLIC HEARING WAS ALSO HELD ON WEDNESDAY OF THIS WEEK IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO FOR FALCON AND PETERSON AIR FORCE BASES.

WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 24, 1990. AFTER THE COMMENT PERIOD IS OVER, WE WILL EVALUATE ALL COMMENTS -- BOTH WRITTEN AND ORAL -- AND PERFORM ADDITIONAL ANALYSES OR CHANGE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WHERE NECESSARY. AGAIN, AS IN THE SCOPING PROCESS, EQUAL CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL COMMENTS, WHETHER THEY ARE PRESENTED HERE TONIGHT OR RECEIVED BY MAIL PRIOR TO THE END OF THE COMMENT PERIOD.

ONCE THE PROCESS IS COMPLETE, WE WILL PRODUCE A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN EARLY DECEMBER 1990. THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WILL BE MAILED TO ALL THOSE ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT DISTRIBUTION LIST. THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WILL INCLUDE COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD AND OUR RESPONSES TO THOSE COMMENTS. DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER&DIVERSITY OF COMMENTS, OR THE NEED TO CONDUCT

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS, THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT MAY CONSIST OF A COVER LETTER AND ERRATA SHEETS, A SEPARATE VOLUME AS COMPANION TO THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, OR BE AN ENTIRELY NEW DOCUMENT.

THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WILL SERVE AS INPUT FOR RECORD OF DECISION WHICH WILL DOCUMENT THE DECISION BY THE AIR FORCE.

OTHER STUDIES, AS DESCRIBED EARLIER BY MR. TONKERS, AND CONSIDERATION OF OTHER ISSUES BESIDES THOSE ADDRESSED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT OR THOSE OTHER STUDIES, WILL ENTER INTO THE FINAL DECISION OF WHETHER OR NOT TO PROCEED WITH THIS PROPOSAL. WE EXPECT TO ACCOMPLISH THE RECORD OF DECISION IN EARLY JANUARY 1991.

THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WAS PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT AND THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REGULATIONS. EFFORTS WERE MADE TO REDUCE NEEDLESS BULK, WRITE IN PLAIN LANGUAGE, FOCUS ON ONLY THOSE ISSUES WHICH ARE CLEARLY RELATED TO THE ENVIRONMENT, AND TO INTEGRATE WITH OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN PART OF THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS.

THE DOCUMENT FOCUSES ON IMPACT TO THE NATURAL AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT WHICH MAY OCCUR AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE BASE CLOSURE OR RELOCATION ACTIONS, IMPACTS WHICH OCCUR INDIRECTLY THROUGH CHANGES IN THE COMMUNITY, OR IN

THE HANDLING THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND WASTE.

THE DOCUMENT ALSO EVALUATES GEOLOGY AND SOILS; WATER, BOTH SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER; AIR QUALITY; NOISE; BIOLOGICAL; AND CULTURAL RESOURCES. INDIRECT CHANGES TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES THAT PROVIDED MEASURES AGAINST WHICH ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS COULD BE ANALYZED INCLUDED CHANGES TO POPULATION, LAND USE AND AESTHETICS, TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMUNITY UTILITY SERVICES.

IN ADDITION, ISSUES RELATED TO CURRENT AND FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND WASTE ARE DISCUSSED IN THE DOCUMENT.

IF IT WAS DETERMINED THAT SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS WOULD OCCUR BECAUSE OF BASE CLOSURE OR THE RELOCATION ACTION, POTENTIAL MITIGATING MEASURES WERE ALSO IDENTIFIED IN THE DOCUMENT.

AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, THIS DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOCUSES ON THE IMPACTS TO THE NATURAL AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT BROUGHT ABOUT, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, BY THE POTENTIAL CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES BASE AND THE RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. THE DOCUMENT ADDRESSES SOCIOECONOMIC IMPACTS OF BASE CLOSURE OR RELOCATION ONLY IF THEY RESULT IN IMPACTS TO THE NATURAL AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT.

EARLIER MR. TONKERS DESCRIBED THE OTHER STUDIES BEING CONDUCTED AS PART OF THE BASE CLOSURE

PROCESS. IN ADDITION TO THESE STUDIES, THE AIR FORCE HAS DECIDED TO CONDUCT WHAT WE HAVE TERMED SUPPLEMENTAL ECONOMIC STUDIES. THESE STUDIES ARE INTENDED TO ANALYZE THE POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS TO THE COMMUNITIES BEING CONSIDERED AS SITES FOR THE RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. AREAS TO BE ADDRESSED IN EACH STUDY WILL INCLUDE POPULATION, EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME, COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES, AND PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL IMPACTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES. THE AIR FORCE WILL CONSULT WITH KEY STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS DURING THE PREPARATION OF THESE STUDIES.

I WOULD NOW LIKE TO DISCUSS THE RESULTS REPORTED IN THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. OUR DISCUSSION TONIGHT WILL CENTER ON THE IMPACTS EXPECTED IN THE KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE AREA, IF IT IS CHOSEN AS THE HOST BASE FOR RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. THE DOCUMENT CONCLUDED THERE WOULD BE CHANGES TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY THAT COULD AFFECT THE NATURAL AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT. IN ADDITION, VARIOUS IMPACTS, INCLUDING THE POTENTIAL FOR SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACTS TO THE NATURAL AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT, WERE IDENTIFIED.

A FULL RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AS DESCRIBED IN THE PROPOSED ACTION WOULD BE EXPECTED TO CAUSE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN THE ALBUQUERQUE AREA IF KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE WERE SELECTED:

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION BY THE END OF 1996 WOULD RESULT IN AN ANNUAL INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY $519 MILLION IN TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME. THE PROPOSED ACTION IS EXPECTED TO GENERATE APPROXIMATELY 18,000 DIRECT AND INDIRECT JOBS IN 1997. THE PERMANENT POPULATION INCREASE IN THE AREA IS PROJECTED TO BE APPROXIMATELY 26,000 PEOPLE, WITH VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE ADDITIONAL POPULATION LIVING OFF-BASE IN THE ALBUQUERQUE AREA.

LAND USE CHANGES FROM THE RELOCATION ACTION WOULD DEPEND ON POSSIBLE FUTURE AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL LAND USE PLANS AND ZONING ORDINANCES.

VEHICLE TRAFFIC IN THE VICINITY OF THE PROJECT SITE WOULD INCREASE, ESPECIALLY DURING PEAK TRAFFIC HOURS. THESE INCREASES WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO A DECREASED LEVEL OF SERVICE ON SEVERAL OF THE STREETS SERVING THE BASE. DURING PEAK TRAFFIC HOURS, EXISTING CONGESTED CONDITIONS WOULD WORSEN ON SEVERAL AREA STREETS, INCLUDING PARTS OF GIBSON BOULEVARD, SUBASE BOULEVARD, WYOMING BOULEVARD, AND CENTRAL AVENUE.

WE ANTICIPATE AN ADDITION OF UP TO 40,000 ARRIVING AND DEPARTING PASSENGERS AT ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DUE TO THE PROPOSED ACTION. THIS WOULD INCREASE PASSENGER LEVELS BY ABOUT 3 PERCENT ABOVE CURRENT LEVELS IN 1997. THIS GROWTH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE

PROPOSED FUTURE INCREASES IN PASSENGER TRAFFIC FORECASTS FOR THE AIRPORT.

THE RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION TO KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE WOULD INCREASE LOCAL NEED FOR POTABLE WATER, WASTEWATER TREATMENT, NATURAL GAS, ELECTRICITY, AND SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL.

THE WATER SYSTEMS WHICH SERVE ALBUQUERQUE AND KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE ARE CAPABLE OF MEETING THE ESTIMATED 4 PERCENT INCREASE IN DEMAND WITHIN EXISTING SYSTEM CAPACITIES.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT DEMAND AS A RESULT OF THE PROPOSED ACTION WOULD PEAK AT APPROXIMATELY 5 PERCENT ABOVE THE EXISTING BASELINE IN 1995, WHICH MEANS THAT THE EXISTING SYSTEM WOULD BE OPERATING AT APPROXIMATELY 92 PERCENT OF IT'S CAPACITY. THIS INCREASED DEMAND WOULD INTENSIFY THE NEED TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM.

AVAILABLE CAPACITY EXISTS TO SUPPLY ENERGY REQUIREMENTS DUE TO THE PROPOSED ACTION.

SOLID WASTE GENERATION FOR THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY APPROXIMATELY 5 PERCENT. THIS INCREASE CAN ALSO BE HANDLED BY LOCAL WASTE FACILITIES.

IN THE AREA OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND WASTE, THE RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION TO KIRTLAND AIR

FORCE BASE WOULD INCREASE THE USE AND STORAGE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND THE GENERATION OF HAZARDOUS WASTE. THESE INCREASES ARE DUE, IN PART, TO BASE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES AND, IN PART, TO THE LABORATORY OPERATIONS OF THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION. EXISTING HAZARDOUS MATERIAL AND WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE WOULD BE MODIFIED TO ADDRESS THESE INCREASES.

IMPACTS TO THE NATURAL AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

WE EXPECT NO IMPACT ON GEOLOGICAL RESOURCES UNDERLYING THE BASE. SOIL LOSSES FROM EROSION WILL BE MINIMIZED THROUGH THE USE OF STANDARD CONSTRUCTION PRACTICES AND MITIGATION PLANS.

FOR WATER RESOURCES, SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS ARE NOT EXPECTED ON THE GROUND OR SURFACE WATER RESOURCES IN THE KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE AREA. BOTH THE BASE AND THE CITY RECEIVE THE MAJORITY OF THEIR WATER SUPPLIES FROM LOCAL GROUND WATER AQUIFERS; HOWEVER, THESE AQUIFERS ARE NOT IN OVERDRAFT CONDITION AND APPEAR ADEQUATE TO HANDLE INCREASED NEEDS. SURFACE WATER RUNOFF IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE AS A RESULT OF ADDITIONAL PAVED AND COVERED AREAS; HOWEVER, THIS INCREASE IS NOT EXPECTED TO ADVERSELY IMPACT SURFACE WATER RESOURCES.

DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE, INCREASED

EMISSIONS OF PARTICULATE MATTER AND OTHER POLLUTANTS WOULD OCCUR, BUT WOULD BE SHORT-TERM AND NOT SIGNIFICANT.

LONG-TERM AFFECTS OF THE PROJECT WOULD BE CAUSED PRIMARILY BY EMISSIONS FROM THE ADDITIONAL VEHICLES USED BY PROJECT PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES. BASED ON MODELING, INCREASED VEHICLE TRAFFIC NEAR THE PROJECT SITES COULD SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE THE CARBON MONOXIDE LEVELS IN THESE AREAS. THESE INCREASES ARE NOT EXPECTED TO CAUSE VIOLATIONS OF THE FEDERAL STANDARDS FOR CARBON MONOXIDE. HOWEVER, SINCE THE ALBUQUERQUE/BERNALILLO COUNTY AREA IS CURRENTLY IN NON-ATTAINMENT FOR CARBON MONOXIDE, THESE INCREASES COULD DELAY THE COUNTY'S ACHIEVEMENT OF ATTAINMENT STATUS AND ARE, THEREFORE, VIEWED AS SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS TO THE AREA'S AIR QUALITY.

SHORT-TERM INCREASES IN NOISE LEVELS ARE EXPECTED IN THE PROJECT AREAS DUE TO FACILITY CONSTRUCTION. AT SITES 1A AND 1B THESE INCREASES ARE EXPECTED TO BE SIGNIFICANT DUE TO THEIR PROXIMITY TO SENSITIVE NOISE RECEPTORS IN THE NEARBY BASE HOUSING AREAS. WE ALSO EXPECT SLIGHT LONG-TERM INCREASES IN NOISE LEVELS OF LESS THAN 3 DECIBELS DUE TO INCREASES IN VEHICULAR TRAFFIC. GIVEN CURRENT TRAFFIC VOLUME AND NOISE LEVELS IN THE AREA, THIS INCREASE IS NOT EXPECTED TO RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT NOISE IMPACTS.

THE PROPOSED ACTION IS NOT EXPECTED TO HAVE

ANY SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS ON VEGETATION, WET LANDS, THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES, OR OTHER WILDLIFE RESOURCES IN THE AREA.

NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS TO CULTURAL RESOURCES ARE EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF THE PROPOSED ACTION.

THE ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS, AS DESCRIBED EARLIER BY MR. TOMKINS, GENERALLY INVOLVE PARTIAL RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION, WHICH, IN ALL CASES, INVOLVE FEWER PEOPLE AND LESS CONSTRUCTION THAN THE PROPOSED ACTION. IN GENERAL, THESE ALTERNATIVES RESULT IN CHANGES TO THE ENVIRONMENT THAT ARE EQUAL TO OR LESS ADVERSE THAN THE CHANGES ASSOCIATED WITH THE FULL RELOCATION ACTION.

IN CLOSING, LET ME REMIND YOU THAT THE STUDY IS IN A DRAFT STAGE. OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE AIR FORCE DECISION MAKERS WITH ACCURATE INFORMATION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES OF THIS PROPOSAL. TO DO THIS, TONIGHT WE ARE SOLICITING YOUR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. THIS INFORMATION, COUPLED WITH THE OTHER STUDIES DISCUSSED BY MR. TOMKINS, WILL SUPPORT INFORMED AIR FORCE DECISION MAKING.

THANK YOU.

COL. MORRISON: IN A MOMENT WE WILL MOVE INTO THE MAIN PORTION OF THE MEETING, WHICH IS THE PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD. I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU HAVE A COUPLE OF POINTS.

PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO FIVE MINUTES SO THAT EVERYONE CAN BE HEARD. ALSO, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU STATE YOUR NAME CLEARLY FOR THE RECORD BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR STATEMENT. IF YOU HAVE BROUGHT A PREPARED STATEMENT, YOU MAY TURN IT IN, YOU MAY READ IT OUT LOUD, OR YOU MAY DO BOTH. WRITTEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. EQUAL CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO YOUR COMMENTS WHETHER YOU SPEAK TONIGHT OR PROVIDE WRITTEN COMMENTS. IF YOU TURN IN WRITTEN COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS, PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON THEM.

AGAIN, THE PURPOSE OF THIS HEARING IS TO SOLICIT INPUT FROM PUBLIC AGENCIES, PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. THE AIR FORCE REPRESENTATIVES GATHERED HERE THIS EVENING ARE NOT THE DECISION MAKERS ON THE PROPOSED THE ACTION. THEY HAVE PROVIDED YOU INFORMATION ON THE PROCESS AND ARE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ON THE PROJECT, HOWEVER, YOU MAY NOT ENTER INTO A DEBATE ON THE PROS AND CONS OF THE PROPOSED ACTION.

ALSO, REMEMBER THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE HEARING TONIGHT IS TO SOLICIT INPUT ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, SO PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSALS. TO AVOID REPETITION, AND TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK

YOU TO AVOID REPETITIVE STATEMENTS. IF YOU AGREE WITH THE COMMENTS OF AN EARLIER SPEAKER, I WOULD ASK YOU TO SIMPLY INDICATE THAT FOR THE RECORD.

WE WILL NOW BEGIN THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, AND OUR FIRST SPEAKER WILL BE VINCE MURPHY, FOLLOWED BY DARLENE MYER.

MR. MURPHY: MY NAME IS VINCE MURPHY (625 SILVER S.W., ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87102). I'M THE STATE OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR THE UNITED STATES SENATOR JEFF BINGAMAN, AND I'D LIKE TO READ A STATEMENT FROM THE SENATOR; I ALSO HAVE A WRITTEN COPY THAT I'LL LEAVE FOR THE RECORD.

I REGRET THAT I CANNOT BE IN ALBUQUERQUE IN PERSON TONIGHT TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND RELOCATION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION.

AFTER REVIEWING THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, I BELIEVE THAT THE CASE FOR RELOCATING SSD TO KIRTLAND IS A STRONG ONE. THERE ARE CLEARLY NO ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES THAT WOULD STAND IN THE WAY OF A DECISION TO LOCATE AT KIRTLAND, AND, JUST AS CLEARLY, THERE ARE REASONS WHY SUCH A DECISION WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE AIR FORCE.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT IS ONE OF SIX STUDIES REQUIRED BY STATUTE BEFORE FINAL DECISION IS MADE ON BASE CLOSURE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE OTHER FIVE

STUDIES OF THE FISCAL, LOCAL ECONOMIC, BUDGETARY, STRATEGIC, AND OPERATIONAL IMPACTS ARE UNDERWAY AND NEARING COMPLETION. IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, I BELIEVE THAT KIRTLAND WILL EMERGE AS AS CLEAR CHOICE FOR BASING THE SSD AND IT'S ASSOCIATED UNITS.

IMPORTANT FACTORS IN KIRTLAND'S FAVOR ARE THE PROXIMITY OF COMPLIMENTARY R&D FACILITIES AND NEW MEXICO'S STRONG SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORIENTATION. CLEARLY, CO-LOCATION WITH THE AIR FORCE SPACE TECHNOLOGY CENTER AND THE AIR FORCE WEAPONS LABORATORY WOULD BENEFIT THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION.

THE STC, WHICH IS MANAGED BY SSD, WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1982 AS THE FOCAL POINT FOR THE AIR FORCE SPACE RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS, AND OVERSEES THREE OTHER AIR FORCE LABORATORIES, INCLUDING THE WEAPONS LAB. CONSOLIDATING SSD, STC, AND THE WEAPONS LAB COULD CREATE A SYNERGY THAT WOULD BENEFIT THE ENTIRE STRUCTURE, AS WELL AS PROVIDE FOR MORE COST EFFECTIVE OPERATIONS.

THE AIR FORCE IS WELL AWARE OF THE CAPABILITIES OF STC AND AFWL, AND WILL CERTAINLY CONSIDER CO-LOCATION WITH THESE ORGANIZATIONS IN IT'S DECISION. I HOPE THAT EQUAL WEIGHT WILL BE GIVEN TO THE R&D FACILITIES LOCATED IN ALBUQUERQUE AND ELSEWHERE IN NEW MEXICO, WHICH SSD MAY NOT BE AS FAMILIAR WITH, BUT WHICH CAN OFFER SIGNIFICANT ASSETS SHOULD THE DIVISION LOCATE AT KIRTLAND.

PROXIMITY TO THE NATIONAL LABORATORIES, AND CO-LOCATION WITH SANDIA IN PARTICULAR, IS A STRONG ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF RELOCATING SSD AND THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION AT KIRTLAND. SANDIA AND LOS ALAMOS ARE UNPARALLELED IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS, WITH EXPERTISE IN MANY DISCIPLINES IMPORTANT TO SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION.

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE NEW MEXICO IS A MAJOR RESEARCH UNIVERSITY WHICH CAN OFFER A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT TO THE AIR FORCE. THIS IS ALSO TRUE OF NEW MEXICO TECH AND NEW MEXICO STATE.

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE AND HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE BOTH HAVE A HISTORY OF THE AEROSPACE SUPPORT AND CAN ALSO CONTRIBUTE MUCH TO SSD'S MISSION.

NEW MEXICO HAS A VERY STRONG SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORIENTATION WHICH CAN PROVIDE AN UNPARALLELED BASE FOR OPERATING SSD AND THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION. NEW MEXICO HAS A LARGE POOL OF TECHNICALLY TRAINED INDIVIDUALS, AS WELL AS A LARGE POOL OF INDIVIDUALS WITH SECURITY CLEARANCES. NEW MEXICO HAS FOSTERED AN ENVIRONMENT AND A CULTURE THAT WILL SUPPORT THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS OF THE AIR FORCE, AS WELL AS ANY LOCATION IN THE COUNTRY.

THE FINAL POINT I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IS ON THE PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE OF SSD AND ITS NEW BASE, IF IT IS RELOCATED. OBVIOUSLY, THE AIR FORCE DOES NOT WANT TO BE

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IN A POSITION 10 OR 20 YEARS FROM NOW WHERE A CITY'S ENCROACHMENT ON A MILITARY BASE REQUIRES ANOTHER RELOCATION. KIRTLAND'S SIZE AND LOCATION MAKES THAT ALL BUT IMPOSSIBLE. LOCATING SSD AT KIRTLAND WOULD GIVE THE AIR FORCE THE BEST OF ALL POSSIBLE OPTIONS: A BASE IN A LARGE, VIBRANT CITY, WITH ALL THE ADVANTAGES IN CULTURE AND INFRASTRUCTURE THAT GO WITH A CITY; AND A BASE WHICH CAN HANDLE A VERY CONSIDERABLE EXPANSION, WITHOUT FEAR OF ENCROACHING UPON THE CITY, WITH ENOUGH LAND TO PROVIDE ALL OF THE ADVANTAGES OF A RURAL LOCATION.

THE AIR FORCE CAN BE CONFIDENT THAT KIRTLAND WOULD PROVIDE A STABLE AND LASTING BASE FOR SSD IN THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION.

THE FINAL DECISION WILL BE BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THIS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND OTHER STUDIES NOW UNDERWAY. THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT CLEAR LEAVE STATES THAT THERE ARE NO SHOW-STOPPERS TO RELOCATING TO KIRTLAND. I'M CONFIDENT THAT OTHER STUDIES WILL LEND FURTHER SUPPORT TO BASING SSD AND IT'S ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATION HERE IN ALBUQUERQUE.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE AIR FORCE KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE AND THE PEOPLE OF ALBUQUERQUE AS THIS PROCESS MOVES FORWARD.

THANK YOU.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. MURPHY. OUR NEXT

SPEAKER WILL BE MISS DARLENE HYER, FOLLOWED BY MR. KEVIN MURPHY.

MS. HYER: GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS DARLENE HYER (625 SILVER S.W., SUITE 140, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87102). I'M REPRESENTING CONGRESSMAN SCHIFF THIS EVENING. HE REGRETS HE CAN'T BE HERE THIS EVENING DUE TO A PREVIOUS COMMITMENT. CONGRESS MAN SCHIFF HAS ASKED ME TO READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECOMMEND KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE AND ALBUQUERQUE AS THE FUTURE HOME OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION.

I JOIN A HOST OF MILITARY AND SPACE EXPERTS IN RECOMMENDING ALBUQUERQUE AND KIRTLAND FOR THIS SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. AS A MEMBER OF CONGRESS AND AS A MEMBER OF THE NEW MEXICO AIR NATIONAL GUARD STATIONED AT KIRTLAND, I AM CONVINCED THERE IS NO BETTER SITE AVAILABLE ANYWHERE, AND I AM FULLY CONFIDENT THAT THE SITE SELECTION EVALUATION CURRENTLY UNDERWAY WILL BEAR ME OUT.

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KIRTLAND AND THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE ARE AT THE HEART OF THE MOST IMPRESSIVE COLLECTIONS OF DEFENSE AND ENERGY AND STATE RELATED RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY FACILITIES IN THE ENTIRE WORLD. AN ALBUQUERQUE-BASED SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION WOULD NOT ONLY BE A PART OF ONE OF THE MOST TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED AIR BASES IN THE WORLD, IT

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WOULD ALSO BE IN WALKING DISTANCE OF SANDIA LABORATORY, LESS THAN 100 MILES FROM LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY, AND ONLY A LITTLE FURTHER FROM WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE. WE ARE HAVE THE PERSONNEL AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION RIGHT NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.

THE CITY AND THE BASE HAVE THE NECESSARY HOUSING AND OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE DIVISION AND SUPPORT INDUSTRIES, AND WE HAVE AN OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM THAT INCLUDES THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO AND THE TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL INSTITUTE.

WE ALSO OFFER A QUALITY OF LIFE THAT IS UNMATCHED. FROM THE MAJESTIC SANDIA MOUNTAINS ON THE EAST TO THE ANCIENT PETROGLYPHS ON THE WEST, THERE IS NO MORE BEAUTIFUL, MORE DIVERSE, MORE WELCOMING PLACE THAN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE, AND KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE.

I BELIEVE WE HAVE A GREAT, GREAT DEAL TO OFFER SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR ARRIVAL AND A LONG AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP.

SINCERELY, STEVE SCHIFF, MEMBER OF CONGRESS.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MISS HYER. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. KEVIN MURPHY, FOLLOWED BY MR. MACK HALEY.

MR. MURPHY: THANK YOU, COL. MORRISON. MY NAME IS

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KEVIN MURPHY (2401 ADA PLACE N.E., ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87106). I'M A SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES EMPLOYEE, BUT I AM ON LOAN TO THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE FOR 2 YEARS, WORKING ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. IT IS IN THAT REGARD THAT I AM SPEAKING TO YOU TONIGHT.

I HAVE A LETTER FROM MAYOR LOUIS SAAVEDRA. I WOULD LIKE TO READ JUST A PORTION OF THIS LETTER.

THE MAYOR SAYS THAT HE IS PLEASED THAT KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE AND ALBUQUERQUE ARE BEING CONSIDERED AS A POSSIBLE SITE FOR RELOCATING FUNCTIONS OF THE AIR FORCE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AND AEROSPACE CORPORATION. ALBUQUERQUE AND THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO OFFER MANY BENEFITS. THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL SYNERGIES WITH THE SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES, THE AIR FORCE WEAPONS LABORATORY, AND LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LAB ARE UNATTAINABLE ANYWHERE ELSE. THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR IS COMMITTED TO ASSISTING YOU IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE DURING ALL PHASES OF THE DECISION PROCESS. FURTHER, WE COMMIT TO FACILITATING YOUR REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT AND REGULATORY PROCESSING WITHIN THE VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS SHOULD YOU SELECT ALBUQUERQUE.

I ALSO HAVE A SIMILAR LETTER FROM STEVEN D. GALLEGOS, PRESIDENT OF THE ALBUQUERQUE CITY COUNSEL, THAT I WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE WITH YOU TONIGHT.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MR. MURPHY.

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OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. MACK HALEY, FOLLOWED BY MR. EARL WAID. SORRY IF I MISPRONOUNCE ANYBODY'S NAME.

MR. HALEY: THANK YOU, COL. MORRISON. MY NAME IS MACK HALEY (P. O. BOX 1899, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO 88004). I'M WITH U.S. WEST COMMUNICATIONS, AND I'M HERE TONIGHT REPRESENTING MR. DEPSON, OUR NEW MEXICO VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE, WHO HAD TO BE OUT OF TOWN TONIGHT. I WILL LEAVE A COPY OF MY REMARKS IN THE DROP BOX.

THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND SERVICES AVAILABLE IN THE ALBUQUERQUE AREA, THROUGH U.S. WEST AND INDEPENDENT VENDORS, ARE EXTREMELY WELL SUITED FOR CLIENTS SUCH AS THE AIR FORCE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION.

THE U.S. WEST NETWORK IN THE ALBUQUERQUE AREA IS COMPRISED OF 18 SWITCHING CENTERS CONNECTED BY DIGITAL INTER-OFFICE FACILITIES. ALL THE SWITCHING CENTERS ARE STORED-PROGRAM, OR ELECTRONIC-SWITCHES. TEN OF THE 18 ARE DIGITAL SWITCHES.

ALTERNATE ROUTING IS IN PLACE FOR MOST INTER-OFFICE FACILITIES. ADDITIONAL ALTERNATIVE ROUTING COULD BE READILY PROVIDED, IF NEEDED, TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE AIR FORCE.

INTER-OFFICE FACILITIES LINKING KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE TO THE U.S. WEST NETWORK ARE FIBER OPTIC FACILITIES. ALL SPECIAL SERVICE CIRCUITS TO AND FROM KIRTLAND ARE SERVED VIA FIBER OPTICS.

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U.S. WEST CURRENTLY HAS FOUR FIBER OPTIC INTERFACES ON KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE. THROUGH AN AGREEMENT WITH THE AIR FORCE, U.S. WEST IS ALLOWED TO PLACE ITS OWN FIBER FACILITIES ALONG SIDE THOSE BELONGING TO THE AIR FORCE. THIS AGREEMENT, COUPLED WITH THE EXISTING INTERFACE LOCATIONS, MEANS THAT U.S. WEST CAN EXTEND ITS NETWORK ANYWHERE ON THE BASE, RAPIDLY AND ECONOMICALLY, TO SERVE PRIVATE CUSTOMERS, SUCH AS CONTRACTORS.

NEW MEXICO IS ALSO HOME TO TWO NATIONAL LABORATORIES: SANDIA AND LOS ALAMOS. ALSO LOCATED IN THE STATE ARE THE WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE AND THE NASA WHITE SANDS TEST FACILITY NEAR LAS CRUCES, HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE NEAR ALAMOGORDO AND CANNON AIR FORCE BASE NEAR CLOVIS. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CANNON AIR FORCE BASE, ALL MAJOR GOVERNMENT INSTALLATIONS, AS WELL AS THE STATE'S THREE RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES, HAVE DIRECT FIBER OPTIC LINKS THROUGH U.S. WEST'S NEW MEXICO NETWORK. ALL OF THESE INSTALLATIONS WILL HAVE DIRECT FIBER CONNECTIVITY, AS WELL AS FULL DIVERSITY ROUTING, IN 1992.

THE ADVANTAGES OF THIS EXTENSIVE FIBER NETWORK TO A HIGH-TECH, HIGH-SECURITY USER ARE MANY. THE SECURITY OFFERED BY FIBER OPTICS, WHEN COMPARED WITH COPPER OR MICROWAVE RADIO, IS UNPARALLELED. THE SPEED AND RELIABILITY OF FIBER SYSTEMS ALLOW TRANSMISSION OF TREMENDOUS QUANTITIES OF DATA ESSENTIALLY ERROR FREE.

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IN ADDITION TO SECURITY AND ACCURACY, NETWORK RELIABILITY IS CERTAINLY CRITICAL TO A USER OF HIGH-CAPACITY, HIGH-SPEED PRIVATE LINE SERVICES. RECOGNIZING THIS NEED, U.S. WEST HAS BEGUN PROVIDING SELF-HEALING IN TWO CONFIGURATIONS TO DEALS WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS.

U.S. WEST HAS FEDERAL SERVICE MARKET PERSONNEL LOCATED IN ALBUQUERQUE WHO CAN WORK WITH THE AIR FORCE ON ANY COMMUNICATIONS NEEDS, ROUTINE OR SPECIALIZED. ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION FORCES ARE ALSO LOCATED IN ALBUQUERQUE TO DESIGN AND BUILD A NETWORK TO MEET CUSTOMER NEEDS. NEW MEXICO'S REGULATORY STRUCTURE ALLOWS U.S. WEST TO EXPEDITE PROVISIONING OF CUSTOM-DESIGNED SERVICES, ELIMINATING REGULATORY DELAYS.

ONE FINAL ATTRIBUTE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN NEW MEXICO IS NEW MEXICO TECHNET. TECHNET IS A PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT CORPORATION OPERATING A DATA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK THROUGHOUT NEW MEXICO. THIS NETWORK PROVIDES FOR THE TIMELY TRANSFER OF INFORMATION AMONG THE FEDERAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, STATE GOVERNMENT, AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

15.10 IN SUMMARY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS RESOURCES IN ALBUQUERQUE AND NEW MEXICO AND ON KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE ARE SECOND TO NONE. U.S. WEST WORKED DAILY WITH HIGH-TECH, HIGH-SECURITY USERS OF TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES. THE

BACKGROUND AND EXPERTISE OF OUR PERSONNEL WOULD PERMIT US TO IMMEDIATELY INTERFACE WITH THE AIR FORCE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION SHOULD THE NEED ARISE. ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL LOCATED IN ALBUQUERQUE AND THE RESOURCES OF A 14-STATE COMPANY ENABLES U.S. WEST TO MEET ANY TELECOMMUNICATIONS NEEDS ANTICIPATED BY THE AIR FORCE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. 15.10

WE STAND READY AND WILLING TO WORK WITH YOU IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE TO MAKE YOUR TRANSITION A SMOOTH ONE.

THANK YOU.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. HALEY. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. EARL WAID, I THINK IT IS. IS THAT "WAID"?

MR. WAID: WAID.

COL. MORRISON: SORRY ABOUT THAT. FOLLOWED BY MR. DOUG MCVICKER.

MR. WAID: MY NAME IS EARL WAID (3824 SIERRA MADRE N.E., ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87111). I'M ASSISTANT TO MAYOR LOUIS SAAVEDRA. I'D JUST LIKE TO SPEAK FOR A MINUTE ON SOME CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED WITH THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE SINCE OUR LAST MEETING IN APRIL.

I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT HAVING ANY BLUE CORN TORTILLA CHIPS TODAY, BUT IT WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE AS EFFECTIVE.

ONE OF THE LARGEST PROBLEMS FACING 7.27 COMMUNITIES TODAY IN THE FIELD OF THE ENVIRONMENT IS THE

COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF THEIR SOLID WASTES. SINCE OUR LAST MEETING, ALBUQUERQUE HAS MADE -- WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THE EFFORTS THAT THE CITY HAS MADE TO ADDRESS THAT PROBLEM. IN MAY OF THIS YEAR, WE OPENED A BRAND-NEW LANDFILL. THIS IS THE FIRST LANDFILL THAT'S BEEN PERMITTED UNDER NEW REGULATIONS. IT'S ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE, IT'S FULLY-LINED AND LEACH-PROOF, AND HAS SYSTEM MONITORING -- IT IS STATE-OF-THE-ART. WE ARE VERY, VERY PROTECTIVE OF OUR GROUND WATERS, AND WE'RE VERY PROUD OF OUR LANDFILL. IT'S KIND OF HARD TO SAY THAT, BUT OUR LANDFILL IS STATE-OF-THE-ART.

7.27 THE SECOND PART OF SOLID WASTES THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE FEEL THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE HAS TAKEN A LEAD IS -- NO, NOT JUST OF THE DISPOSAL, BUT THE RECYCLING OF SOLID WASTE. WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE STAGES OF LETTING OUT A CONTRACT FOR A MATERIAL RECYCLING FACILITY. WITH A GOAL -- I'M SORRY, WITH A DIRECTIVE TO RECYCLE 25 PERCENT OF OUR WASTE, AND A GOAL TO RECYCLE 50 PERCENT. SO YOU CAN SEE THAT IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENT, WITH SOLID WASTE BEING A PROBLEM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, HERE IN ALBUQUERQUE -- WHERE IT'S NOT A PROBLEM TODAY, BUT WE'RE LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE -- WE THINK WE HAVE REALLY GOT A HANDLE ON THE PROBLEM WITH A VERY ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND LANDFILL AND ALSO WITH OUR RECYCLING PROGRAM.

AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR COMING THIS EVENING.

MAYBE NEXT TIME WE WILL HAVE SOME CHILE CON QUESO TO GO WITH IT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. WAID. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. DOUG MCVICKAR, FOLLOWED BY MR. KENN HOLDEN.

MR. MCVICKAR: MY NAME IS DOUG MCVICKAR (7413 GILA ROAD N.E., ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87109) AND I'M PRESIDENT OF THE ALBUQUERQUE BOARD OF EDUCATION. AND, EARL, THIS SHOWS WHAT 33 YEARS OF THOSE BLUE CORN TORTILLA CHIPS DO.

BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY TO YOU THAT SHOULD YOU DECIDE TO MOVE THIS INSTALLATION HERE, WE KNOW THAT A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF THOSE STUDENTS ARE GOING TO BE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THE ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS DO HAVE ADDITIONAL CAPACITY IN MOST OF THEIR PUBLIC SCHOOLS. IF ALL THOSE PEOPLE SHOULD DECIDE TO SETTLE ON THE WEST SIDE OR ON THE FAR NORTHEAST SITES, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE PROBLEM.

BUT I CAN SAY TO YOU, ALSO, THAT THE CITIZENS 4.33 OF ALBUQUERQUE HAD PASSED, UP UNTIL ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO, 25 CONSECUTIVE SCHOOL BOND ISSUES. WE LOST ONE FIVE YEARS AGO BECAUSE OF OUR VERY POOR TIMING AND WE LEARNED OUR LESSON, AND WE PASSED ONE THIS YEAR IN FEBRUARY WITH AN 84 PERCENT PLURALITY, SO WE DO KNOW THAT THE CITIZENS OF ALBUQUERQUE DO SUPPORT PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND HAVE SUPPORTED

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PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND WE DO HAVE CAPACITY IN MOST OF OUR SCHOOLS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDENTS.

THERE'S AN OLD NAVAJO SAYING THAT SHOULD YOU WEAR OUT ONE PAIR OF MOCCASINS IN THIS LAND OF ENCHANTMENT YOU WON'T LEAVE, AND IF YOU DO, YOU WILL RETURN.

THANK YOU.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. MEVICKAR. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. KENN HOLSER, FOLLOWED BY MR. CHARLES VESELY.

MR. HOLSER: MY NAME IS KENN HOLSER (P. O. BOX 274, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87103). I AM VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF CUTTER FLYING SERVICE. HOWEVER, FOR THIS PROGRAM, I AM WEARING THE HAT OF THE DIRECTOR OF NEW MEXICO TASK FORCE FOR RELOCATION OF SSD.

I HAVE A LETTER THAT I WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE AND ALSO THIS BOOK WITH OTHER INFORMATION WE'D LIKE TO HAVE YOU CONSIDER.

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NEW MEXICO AND THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN A LONG AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE.

ALBUQUERQUE IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT A MAJOR EXPANSION OF KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE. THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE HAS DEVELOPED A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO MANAGE THIS GROWTH. WE HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE WATER PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION AND OTHER ESSENTIAL SERVICES

FOR THE RELOCATION OF A MAJOR AIR FORCE ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORTING AGENCIES.

ALBUQUERQUE HAS NUMEROUS RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN AND AROUND THE CITY WHICH PROVIDE GOLFING, HIKING, SAILING, SKIING, FISHING, MOUNTAIN CLIMBING, AND A MAJORITY OF OTHER INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES. THE HIGH DESERT CLIMATE PRODUCES MILD WITH SEASONAL CHANGES, WITH MID-DAY TEMPERATURES NEAR 50 DEGREES IN THE WINTER AND AROUND 90 DEGREES IN THE SUMMER.

THE COMMUNITY OFFERS HOUSING IN A VARIETY OF SETTINGS -- THAT WOULD MEET THE DESIRES OF EVERY EMPLOYEE -- AVAILABLE AT REASONABLE PRICES. AIR FORCE MEMBERS AND CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO OWN HOMES AND ENJOY SHORT COMMUTING TIMES TO AND FROM WORK.

MAJOR CORPORATIONS SUCH AS INTEL, MARTIN MARIETTA, HONEYWELL, AND SIGNETICS HAVE FOUND THE ALBUQUERQUE AREA AN EXCELLENT PLACE TO DO BUSINESS FROM A STAND POINT OF A QUALIFIED AND PRODUCTIVE LABOR FORCE AND EXCELLENT QUALITY OF LIFE FEATURES.

KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE HAS SURPLUS LAND AND EXISTING BUILDINGS THAT COULD ACCOMMODATE A MAJOR PORTION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION RELOCATION WITHOUT THE NEED FOR LAND PURCHASE OR NEW CONSTRUCTION COSTS. A COPY OF SOME INITIAL ESTIMATES FOR RENOVATION AND NEW CONSTRUCTION

COSTS HAVE BEEN PREPARED AND ARE FORWARDED FOR YOUR REVIEW AND INFORMATION. IT WOULD BE VERY ECONOMICAL TO MODIFY EXISTING FACILITIES FOR SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AND BUILD NEW ON-BASE FACILITIES FOR THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION.

A NEW MEXICO SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION RELOCATION TASK FORCE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY GOVERNOR GARREY CARRUTHERS TO COORDINATE EFFORTS RELATED TO THE RELOCATION PROJECT AND PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO YOUR GROUP. VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS FROM THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE AND A SELECT COMMITTEE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALISTS HAVE REVIEWED THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. COMMENTS PROVIDED BY THESE GROUPS ARE FORWARDED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

NEW MEXICO IS A STATE WITH A VISION THAT IS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN HIGH-TECH RESEARCH AND EQUIPMENT. THE ADDITION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION WOULD CREATE A SYNERGISM THAT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO THE UNITED STATES SPACE PROGRAM, AS WELL AS OUR STATE UNIVERSITIES AND THE NATIONAL LABORATORIES.

THANK YOU.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. HOLSER. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. CHARLES VESELY, FOLLOWED BY J. HOWARD HOCH.

MR. VESELY: GOOD EVENING, COL. MORRISON. I'M CHARLES VESELY (800 PIEDRA VISTA N.E., ALBUQUERQUE, NEW

MEXICO 87123) AND I'M HERE TONIGHT SPEAKING AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE PROFESSIONAL AEROSPACE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEW MEXICO.

EARLIER THIS WEEK WE SENT A LETTER TO COL. BARTOL WITH OUR COMMENTS, AND I'D LIKE TO READ THAT NOW FOR THE RECORD OF TONIGHT'S PROCEEDINGS.

DEAR COL. BARTOL: I AM WRITING CONCERNING THE PROPOSED RELOCATION OF THE AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMANDS SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AND THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION.

AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE PROFESSIONAL AEROSPACE CONTRACT ORGANIZATION ASSOCIATION OF NEW MEXICO, OR PACA, I REPRESENT AN ORGANIZATION OF OVER 160 MEMBERS FROM APPROXIMATELY 100 COMPANIES, THE MAJORITY OF WHICH HAVE OFFICES IN ALBUQUERQUE AND WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AGENCIES.

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OUR ASSOCIATION FULLY SUPPORTS THE KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE RELOCATION OPTION. THE AVAILABILITY OF A LOCAL VIABLE CONTRACTOR INFRASTRUCTURE IS A FACTOR THAT WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT OF JULY 1990. WE BELIEVE THAT A STRONG CONTRACTOR INFRASTRUCTURE WILL BE A VERY TANGIBLE BENEFIT TO SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION IN PROVIDING AN INTERFACE WITH INDUSTRY; OUR ORGANIZATION PROVIDES THE INTERFACE.

WE INCLUDE MEMBERS FROM ALL OF THE MAJOR AEROSPACE COMPANIES, AS WELL AS SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED

BUSINESSES. WE HAVE A LONG HISTORY OF PROMOTING AND MAINTAINING PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. PACA HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE AIR FORCE SPACE TECHNOLOGY CENTER, THE WEAPON LABS, SANDIA, LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LAB, AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES.

ONE OF OUR MAJOR ACTIVITIES IS THE ANNUAL BRIEFING FOR INDUSTRY, WHICH WE CO-SPONSOR. WE'RE THE AIR FORCE SPACE TECHNOLOGY CENTER DIRECTOR OF CONTRACTING. THE BRIEFING INDUSTRY ATTENDEES FROM THROUGHOUT THE NATION LEARN IN A PRESENTATION BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WHAT THEIR CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES ARE. THIS FORM WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION, SHOULD THEY RELOCATE TO AIR FORCE BASE.

IN ADDITION, WE HAVE STANDING COMMITTEES THAT MEET WITH THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO DISCUSS TOPICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. I, AND THE OTHER OFFICERS OF PACA, WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS IN EXACTING DETAIL THE COMPOSITION OF PACA AND OUR INTERACTIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

THANK YOU.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. VESELY. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. HOWARD HOCK, FOLLOWED BY MR. JIM COVELL.

MR. HOCK: MY NAME IS HOWARD HOCK, H-O-C-K (2906

BROADWAY N.E., ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87107). I REPRESENT THE ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS. JUST A BRIEF STATEMENT, SOME OF MY INFORMATION HAS ALREADY ENCLOSED IN THE PACKET PRESENTED TO YOU FROM KIRK HOLZER. WE DID SOME ESTIMATING AND SOME RELATIVE THINGS IN TERMS OF COSTS.

I WOULD JUST SAY THAT THE CONSTRUCTION CAPACITY IN NEW MEXICO IS OPERATING AT ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF OUR 1983 LEVEL. IN TERMS OF CAPACITY, THEN, WE HAVE THE MANPOWER AND THE CONSTRUCTION CAPACITY, I THINK, TO HANDLE THE PROGRAM THAT WOULD BE ENTAILED IN RELOCATING SSD AND ALSO AEROSPACE CORPORATION, IF THEY RELOCATE HERE.

YOU ALSO HAVE AVAILABLE CONTRACTORS THAT ARE FAMILIAR WITH HIGH SECURITY, HIGH-TECH, AND LABORATORY CONSTRUCTION, AS WE OPERATE IN LOS ALAMOS AND WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE AND SANDIA LABS, SO THAT CAPABILITY WOULD NOT BE ANYTHING NEW. IN TERMS OF WHAT AREA YOU'D LIKE TO BUILD, I THINK WE HAVE CONSTRUCTED THAT HERE. THERE ARE SOME CAPACITIES HERE AND I THINK WE CAN HANDLE, WITHOUT ANY INPORT OF HELP, TO BE ABLE TO HANDLE THE CAPACITY OF THE CONSTRUCTION FOR PROJECT.

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THANK YOU.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU, MR. HOCK. OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE MR. JIM COVELL.

MR. COVELL: MY NAME IS JIM COVELL.

COL. MORRISON: COVELL. EXCUSE ME.

MR. COVELL: I THINK I'M THE RIGHT PERSON (JIM COVELL, P. O. BOX 25100, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87125). I AM THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF ALBUQUERQUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INCORPORATED. I'D LIKE TO BRING YOU A FEW FACTS OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT RELATING TO THE AIR FORCE SPACE SYSTEMS, AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND SYSTEMS DIVISION, AND IT'S POSSIBLE MOVE TO KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE.

FIRST LET FOR SAY THERE ARE NO UNIQUE OR MAJOR SIGNIFICANT ISSUES THAT PRECLUDE THE TRANSFER OF HEADQUARTERS AND THE RELATED AEROSPACE CORPORATION FROM LOS ANGELES TO KIRTLAND. IN OTHER WORDS, KIRTLAND HAS SUFFICIENT ON-BASE CAPACITY TO ACCOMMODATE THE RELOCATION. THE COMMUNITY HAS THE CAPABILITY AND RESOURCES TO PROVIDE THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN POPULATION.

ALBUQUERQUE IN ITS CITIZENS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT, AND THROUGH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IS MANAGING IT'S GROWTH IN A RESPONSIBLE MANNER. THE GROWTH ENVISIONED BY THE TRANSFER OF SSD IS MANAGEABLE, AND THE MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT CAN BE MITIGATED THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS AND PROCEDURES SUCH AS PARK AND RIDE, STAGGERED WORK HOURS, OR ENHANCED TRAFFIC CONTROL. I'LL LET THE ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTS IDENTIFY OF THE SPECIFIC COURSES OF

ACTION AND REITERATE THAT THE SSD RELOCATION IS MANAGEABLE AND THAT KIRTLAND AND ALBUQUERQUE ARE THE LOGICAL LOCATION FOR A MAJOR THE SPACE RELATED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY.

IF ONE WERE TO ATTEMPT TO DESCRIBE THE MAJOR INDUSTRY IN NEW MEXICO, ONE OF THE ANSWER WOULD HAVE BEEN TO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. A LARGE PORTION OF R&D ACTIVITY HAS BEEN OR IS RELATED TO SPACE ACTIVITIES. LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY, SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORY, THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY, WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, AND A HOST OF RELATED PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES ARE EXAMPLE OF THE R&D BASE HERE IN NEW MEXICO.

AS YOU ARE WELL AWARE, THE SPACE TECHNOLOGY CENTER AND THE WEAPONS LABORATORY, WHICH ARE MAJOR SUBORDINATE UNITS OF SSD, ARE ALREADY LOCATED AT KIRTLAND. THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE AIR FORCE SPACE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, COMBINED WITH THE COOPERATION AND COORDINATION OF OTHER EDUCATIONAL AND R&D FACILITIES IN NEW MEXICO, WOULD PROVIDE A SYNERGY THAT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL INVOLVED AND PROMOTE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT OF THE AIR FORCE SPACE PROGRAMS.

WHILE LOS ANGELES CLAIMS A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY, I BELIEVE THAT IT IS NOT SO UNIQUE THAT IS DOES EXIST ELSEWHERE.

FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND THAT MAKES ALBUQUERQUE AN IDEAL LOCATION FOR THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. QUALITY OF LIFE IS A NEBULOUS TERM AND MEANS DIFFERENT THINGS TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE, BUT THOSE OF US WHO HAVE FOUND THAT WE HAVE A SPECIAL LIFESTYLE THAT MAKES IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO LEAVE. THERE IS A LARGE POPULATION OF RETIREES WHO SERVED AT KIRTLAND AND EITHER SEPARATED, RETIRED, OR RETURNED BECAUSE THEY HAVE FOUND THIS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE. MANY OF OUR MAJOR MANUFACTURERS SUCH AS HONEYWELL, INTEL, SYSCON, MOTOROLA AND OTHERS SAY IT'S HARD TO GET EMPLOYERS TO LEAVE, EVEN IF OFFICER A SIGNIFICANT PROMOTION. THE SAME TYPE OF COMPANIES HAVE A RELATIVELY EASY JOB OF RECRUITING NEW EMPLOYERS BECAUSE OF THE LIFESTYLE OFFERED TO NEW MEXICO RESIDENTS. HOUSING IS AFFORDABLE, THERE IS A WIDE RANGE OF AREAS THAT PEOPLE CAN CHOOSE TO LIVE WITHIN COMMUTING DISTANCE. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE AVERAGE COMMUTING TIME IS ABOUT 20 MINUTES IN ALBUQUERQUE, AND IT'S DIFFICULT TO LIVE MORE THAN 30 MINUTES FROM KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, UNLESS YOU CHOOSE A VERY RURAL LOCATION.

ALBUQUERQUE PROVIDES A GREAT RANGE OF PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY AND THE CITY HAD A VISION TO PLAN AND FUND URBAN ENHANCEMENTS AND CULTURAL PROJECTS TO PROVIDE THE COMMUNITY WITH FIRST CLASS FACILITIES.

ALBUQUERQUE IS BLESSED WITH A YEAR ROUND CLIMATE THAT OFFERS MILD SEASONAL CHANGES WITH GREAT OPPORTUNITIES TO ENJOY RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES. THIS IS THE PLACE WHERE YOU CAN SKI IN THE MORNING, PLAY GOLF IN THE AFTERNOON, AND ATTEND A NEW MEXICO SYMPHONY CONCERT IN THE EVENING. THIS HIGH QUALITY ENVIRONMENT SHOULD BE A BIG PLUS FOR SSD IN RECRUITING EMPLOYERS AND ENCOURAGING THE MILITARY TO CONTINUE WITH THEIR CAREERS.

ALBUQUERQUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORTS THE RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AND THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION, OR PORTIONS THEREOF. THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ADEQUATELY ADDRESSES THE ESSENTIAL ISSUES AND ALTHOUGH SOME MINOR CORRECTIONS MAY BE REQUIRED, IT IS FULLY ENDORSED AS A COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT.

ALBUQUERQUE OFFERS AN EXCELLENT ENVIRONMENT AND WE WOULD WELCOME SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION MILITARY AND CIVILIAN MEMBERS AS NEW MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

I HAVE A LARGE LIST OF LETTERS OF SUPPORT HERE FROM EVERYBODY -- FROM A LIST OF AEROSPACE CONTRACTORS TO OTHERS FROM THE COMMUNITY AND WITHOUT THE COMMUNITY AROUND THE STATE. I WILL NOT READ THOSE TO YOU, I WILL SIMPLY LEAVE THOSE FOR YOU FOR YOUR FURTHER PERUSAL.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU MR. COVELL.

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IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK THIS EVENING BEFORE WE CLOSE THE RECORD THIS EVENING?

MR. MATHIAS: MY NAME IS STERLING MATHIAS (10909 APACHE N.E., ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87112). I SUBMITTED A CARD, BUT DIDN'T SIGN I WANTED TO SPEAK.

I HAVE, I GUESS, A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT SOME OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, SINCE THAT'S OUR PURPOSE HERE THIS EVENING. I GUESS WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR IS A SHORT SUMMARY, PERHAPS FROM MAJOR VROMAN, OF THE SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSAL BEING MOVED TO THE ALTERNATIVE SITES. I THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE PERHAPS THE FATAL FLAW OR FLAWS THAT WE MAY BE LOOKING AT OR MAY BE EVALUATED BY THE AIR FORCE WHEN THEY LOOK AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS, SO COULD YOU SUMMARIZE FOR US THE SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ACTION ON EACH ALTERNATIVE SITE?

COL. MORRISON: WELL, WHAT WE DO IS WE HAVE THESE HEARINGS IN EACH LOCATION AND WE HAVE THE PEOPLE GIVE US SOME PUBLIC INPUT ON WHAT THEY FEEL THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ARE. BUT AS TO WHAT THE IMPACTS ARE IN THESE OTHER VARIOUS COMMUNITIES, IT REALLY WON'T ADD ANYTHING TO THE RECORD TO REHASH THOSE.

WE'VE BEEN TO ALL OF THESE OTHER LOCATIONS AND WE HAVE SET FORTH WHAT WE BELIEVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ARE IN THOSE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES, AND THOSE PEOPLE,

BECAUSE OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMMUNITY, THINGS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, HAVE GIVEN US FEEDBACK, BUT IT REALLY WON'T HELP THE RECORD IN ANY WAY TO START COMPARING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS HERE WITH THE IMPACTS AT OTHER BASES. I THINK WE WILL JUST PASS ON THAT QUESTION.

MAJOR VROMAN: AND IF I COULD ADD, COL. MORRISON, THERE'S A SUMMARY IN THE PAMPHLET THAT WAS HANDED OUT THAT BASICALLY SUMMARIZES THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AT THE OTHER LOCATIONS, AND I THINK YOU HAVE IN FRONT OF YOU, PERHAPS, A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, WHICH ALSO GIVES A SUMMARY OF THE OTHER BASES, AS WELL.

MR. MATHIAS: THANK YOU.

COL. MORRISON: ANYBODY ELSE BEFORE WE CLOSE THE RECORD?

MR. SHOLTIS: THANK YOU, COLONEL. MY NAME IS JOE SHOLTIS (2 OBO DRIVE, TIJERAS, NEW MEXICO 87059), AND ALTHOUGH I'M AN AIR FORCE OFFICER ASSIGNED TO KIRTLAND, I'M REALLY REPRESENTING MYSELF --

COL. MORRISON: HOW DO YOU SPELL YOUR LAST NAME?

MR. SHOLTIS: S-H-O-L-T-I-S. IT'S REALLY A QUESTION THAT I HAVE. IN TERMS OF BOTH THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT DRAFT FORM, AS WELL AS THE SUPPLEMENTAL ECONOMIC STUDIES THAT ARE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY, TO WHAT EXTENT WILL YOU -- OR ARE YOU -- REQUIRED TO ADDRESS ADDITIONAL JOBS ASSOCIATED WITH THE COMMERCIAL AEROSPACE INDUSTRY THAT

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MIGHT MOVE? I WOULD SUSPECT THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME VARIATION, DEPENDING UPON THE LOCATION CHOSEN.

MAJOR VROMAN: IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL -- WE WILL NOT ADDRESS THAT IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT; HOWEVER, IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL ECONOMIC STUDY, WE WILL ADDRESS THAT TO THE CAPABILITY THAT WE CAN. IT'S A VERY SUBJECTIVE ISSUE, AND I THINK THAT ALTHOUGH WE CAN LOOK TO OUR BEST ESTIMATES AS TO WHAT WILL HAPPEN, YOU KNOW, FROM THE BUSINESSES IN THE LOCAL L.A. AREA, IT'S SUBJECTIVE.

MR. SHOLTIS: THANK YOU.

COL. MORRISON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

AGAIN, THE COMMENT PERIOD FOR SUBMITTING ANY TYPE OF WRITTEN COMMENTS OR SUGGESTS, WHETHER YOU USE THE COMMENT CARD OR NOT, IS UNTIL 24 SEPTEMBER 1990, AND YOU DO THIS BY MAILING YOUR COMMENTS TO THE ADDRESS IN THE HANDOUT. SO, EVEN IF YOU HAVEN'T MADE ANY COMMENTS TONIGHT, YOU STILL HAVE A CHANCE TO DO SO UNTIL THE 24TH OF SEPTEMBER.

I THANK ALL OF YOU FOR TAKING TIME OUT OF YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE TO BE HERE TONIGHT. IT'S BEEN A LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR ME GOING THROUGH THESE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT HEARINGS, AS I HOPE IT HAS BEEN FOR SOME OF YOU.

I ASSURE YOU THAT A WRITTEN VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF EVERYTHING SAID HERE THIS EVENING, AND ALSO

EVERYTHING SUBMITTED BY THE 24TH OF SEPTEMBER, WILL BE PREPARED AND WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE DECISION MAKERS AND WILL BECOME A PART OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND GOOD EVENING.

(WHEREUPON THE HEARING CONCLUDED AT 8:15 P.M.)

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COUNTY OF VENTURA)

I, VICKIE BLAIR, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

THAT ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1990, I DID REPORT IN STENOGRAPH WRITING ALL OF THE PROCEEDINGS IN THE FOREGOING HEARING.

THAT SAID PROCEEDINGS WERE THEREAFTER REDUCED TO COMPUTERIZED TRANSCRIPTION UNDER MY DIRECTION.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A FULL, TRUE, AND CORRECT TRANSCRIPT OF SAID TESTIMONY AND PROCEEDINGS.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I AM NEITHER COUNSEL FOR NOR RELATED TO ANY PARTY TO SAID ACTION, NOR IN ANYWISE INTERESTED IN THE OUTCOME THEREOF.

EXECUTED ON THIS 19TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1990, AT SIMI VALLEY, CALIFORNIA.

VICKIE BLAIR

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APPENDIX F.2 WRITTEN COMMENTS

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Written comments submitted to the Air Force Regional Civil Engineer at Norton Air Force Base or at the public hearings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) are provided on the following pages. Each document has been assigned a document number, approximately in the order they were received. Table F-2 provides a listing of all the documents received, identifying the author's name, city, state, affiliation (if appropriate), and corresponding document number. The list of respondents submitting written comments is organized by the location/base in which the comments were submitted in reference to or the respective public hearing at which the comments were submitted. Each issue identified in the written comments has been assigned an issue code as described and indicated by the issue code number in the margin of comment page. Responses to these comments are provided in Appendix F.3.

Some of the written comments that were received by mail and at the public hearings included attachments providing information about the support communities, but not specific comments on the DEIS. These attachments are included as part of the official record, but are not presented in their entirety in this chapter. The complete documents have been reviewed as part of the public comment management process and relevant information has been included in the Final Environmental Impact Statement where appropriate.

DOCUMENT 1

1537 Addison Road
Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274
August 27, 1990

Ladies and Gentlemen:

My husband is a long-time Aerospace Corporation employee currently travelling on company business. I wish to comment briefly on three points in the draft EIR.

6.1 1. Air transportation. Over 65,000 trips are made annually by Aerospace and Space Division employees. Frequent air service to major destinations is important. I have studied the Airline Guide and found the following numbers: To Washington from Los Angeles there are twelve non-stop and six one-stop flights daily; from Albuquerque one one-stop flight; from Colorado Springs three one-stop flights. To San Jose/Sunnyvale from Los Angeles there are twenty-four non-stop flights daily; from Albuquerque three one-stop flights; from Colorado Springs two one-stop flights.

It's clear transportation difficulties are greater from either of the latter locations as compared to Los Angeles. Travel inefficiences translate into additional costs and loss of time on the job.

15.1 2. The assumption that 80% of personnel will move to New Mexico or Colorado. Some years ago a survey of Aerospace Corporation employees revealed only 50% willing to leave the Los Angeles area. A more recent concrete example is the move of IBM from Westlake (in the greater LA area) to Boulder, Colorado. When the dust had settled, only 25% had moved to Boulder and remained there.

15.2 3. Quality of life. Aerospace and Space Division people chose to come to this area. In our case we love the beach as well as nearby mountains for hiking and skiing. Opportunities for higher education and cultural activities available here can find no equal in the smaller cities.

In sum, "It ain't broke" so let's not fix it. Let's build more military housing near El Segundo. Above all, let's not break up the experienced Air Force-Aerospace team that has worked together for thirty years.

Sincerely yours,

Joan M. Paulikas

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DOCUMENT 2

SOUTH BAY ASSOCIATION OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

August 15, 1990

CARSON
COMPTON
EL SEGUNDO
GARDENA
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REDONDO BEACH
SAN PEDRO
TORRANCE
WESTCHESTER LAX AIRPORT
WILMINGTON

The South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce at their July meeting voted unanimously to support retaining the U. S. Air Force Base, Space Systems Division at LAX.

The Chambers represented by the SBACC feel that the economic significance of the moving of this base are of such magnitude that not only would the local economy be heavily damaged, but the aerospace industry as a whole would be damaged.

If the closure or movement of the base were in the national interest we might better be able to consider its moving. But because it is obvious that the movement of this base, whose primary mission involves the Aerospace Corporation and the numerous companies in the LAX region, this would be an extremely expensive proposition not only in the moving of the highly technical elements of the base, but in duplicating the infrastructure necessary to support the base and our mission in space.

The South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce represent the communities and businesses throughout the region local to the base. The importance of the infrastructure built up within our communities over the past half century cannot be duplicated elsewhere. The water, sanitation, educational, transportation, communications and business infrastructure is in place and allows for the aerospace companies to find a qualified labor force, with adequate higher educational facilities that has all the other important support industries available to support this most important mission.

If this mission is to go on, and we believe it should, then it's not only in the nations' economic best interest to keep the base at LAX, it is in our overall national best interest, because all the elements required to sustain such a highly technical state of the art mission needs the resources readily available in the LAX aerospace complex. The depth of these resources are not readily available in other areas. 1.1

The cost of moving the base from LAX would far outweigh the savings that may inure by a move to a region without the full capabilities, available at LAX. The ongoing communications and transportation costs that would be required after the move would outweigh the cost/benefit analysis.

The members of the SBACC Chambers heartily recommend that the U.S. Air Force Base at LAX remain at LAX. 15.2

Sincerely,

Ernie O'Dell
President
/ND

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DOCUMENT 3

CITY OF TORRANCE

3031 TORRANCE BOULEVARD, TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA

August 27, 1990

CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENTS

SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE

The draft Environmental Impact Statement is inadequate and incomplete because it fails to completely address the potential for adverse environmental and socioeconomic impacts specifically to the South Bay cities.

4.1 The draft environmental impact statement discusses the potential impacts of the closure of LAAFB to Los Angeles County; however, the report does not break down the losses of revenue and employment on a city by city basis. These impacts must be addressed in order to fully understand the effects that the closure would have on the South Bay.

5.3 Torrance not only receives revenues generated because of the presence of the LAAFB, we also are host to many employers who either directly or indirectly contract with LAAFB or its suppliers. The closure of this base will trigger significant economic fallout by the closure and relocation of these vendors. The City of Torrance already has indications that certain industries will relocate due to the closure of LAAFB. The closing of these industries will cause recycling of land use which can have a potentially negative impact on Torrance. The draft EIS does not address the impact to communities due to the recycling of these land uses.

6.3 The draft EIS fails to address the adverse impacts on the closure of the Base with regard to the commitments made to mass transit in the area. Torrance has extended the Line 8 bus route to provide mass transit to the area of LAAFB. In addition, the cities of the South Bay have joined together to develop the MAX (Municipal Area Express) to bring employees of the South Bay cities to the El Segundo area.

4.4 The draft EIS fails to fully address the impact to the area housing market. The statement discusses the potential to increase the housing vacancy rate, however the statement does not completely discuss the devastating effect the closure of LAAFB would have to an already distressed housing market.

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5.1 The draft EIS discusses the LAAFB as being in a caretaker status until a new use is decided upon. The draft EIS does not address the potential impacts to the surrounding areas with regard to a different type of land use. This must be addressed to fully understand what the closure would mean for the area with regard to traffic, pollution as well as economic concerns.

In closing, the City of Torrance urges the draft EIS be re-defined to explore the aforementioned issues on a focused area such as the South Bay cities in order to achieve a more comprehensive view of the impacts associated with the closure of the LAAFB.

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Contact: Brian K. Sunshine
Office of the City Manager
(213) 618-5880

DOCUMENT 4

City of El Segundo

CARL JACOBSON, Mayor

August 21, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartel
Director of Programs and Environmental
AFRCE - BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base, CA 92409-6448

Re: Draft Environmental Impact Statement - Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AFB, California and Relocation of Space Systems Division, July 1990.
Comment Response Due: September 24, 1990.

Dear Lt. Col. Bartel:

The City of El Segundo respectfully submits the following comments on the DEIS:

5.1 1. The DEIS indicates that the environmental impacts of closure are insignificant, and that the environmental impacts associated with re-use will be addressed under a separate report. The City believes this to be a misleading and inappropriate method of addressing impacts. Specifically, the existing general plan and zoning classifications for the AFB designate Area A as C-M, Commercial-Manufacturing, and Area B as both M-1 and M-2, Light-Manufacturing and Heavy-Manufacturing respectively. These designations allow for a variety of uses including office, warehousing, manufacturing, research and development, hotel/motel, freight/truck yards, restaurants and recreational facilities. Given the large parcels of land that would be available (41.5 acres and 53.7 acres), market conditions, and land costs, ultimate reuse of the parcels will likely result in uses that are more intensive than the existing AFB. Significant environmental impacts are therefore likely to be experienced, particularly in the areas of traffic/circulation, public services, infrastructure/utilities and the resulting increases in noise and air emissions. We believe it critical that the long term environmental impacts be evaluated against potential reuses of the sites and incorporated into any discussion of closure.

4.3 2. The DEIS indicates that the primary factors driving the proposal for closure are housing costs and commuting times. These issues can be addressed by increased and joint efforts between surrounding communities and the AFB. These efforts are in fact underway now. The DEIR indicates that none of the proposed relocation sites currently contain sufficient existing housing, and that significant housing development would be required for all of these sites. Transferring the "problem", at a cost of billions, makes no sense. The funds that would be spent on developing housing to accommodate relocation would be better spent on developing housing at the existing site.

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1.2 3. The DEIS indicates that significant environmental impacts will occur in relocation of the AFB facilities to Vandenberg AFB, March AFB, Peterson/Falcon AFB and Kirtland AFB, particularly in the areas of water resources, air quality, biological resources, and cultural resources. As a long standing member of the community, the specific service needs and related impacts on infrastructure, traffic, air emissions, etc. have always been considered and accommodated in the City's determination of existing needs and thresholds. Environmental impacts of the AFB are already considered as part of the City's baseline conditions. Introducing new significant impacts into the proposed relocation communities is unnecessary and makes little sense.

2.1 4. In general, we found the DEIS to be unnecessarily limited in scope and therefore incomplete. Specifically, the DEIS indicates that the analysis of impacts will continue in separate documents. Plans are required to address strategic, operational, budgetary, fiscal and local economic consequences. A separate series of Supplemental Economic Studies will be prepared to address economic impacts for communities under consideration as potential relocation sites. And finally, as mentioned earlier, another DEIS will be prepared to address impacts associated with potential reuse of the site. The resulting process and information fragmentation tends to downplay the cumulative impacts that will occur. We strongly urge that the documentations and process be coordinated to allow for a more comprehensive and complete discussion of the issues.

The City appreciates the opportunity to comment on the DEIS and looks forward to receiving and reviewing the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Please address the FEIR to:

City of El Segundo
Kendra S. Marrion, Planning Manager
350 Main Street
El Segundo, CA 90245-0989

Respectfully,

Carl Jacobson
Mayor

cc: City Council
Ronald E. Cano, City Manager
Kendra S. Marrion, Planning Manager
Sara Rasmussen, Associate Planner

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City of El Segundo

CARL JACOBSON, Mayor SCOT D. DANNEN, Mayor Pro Tem

Council Members
ALAN WEST JIM CLUTTER J. B. WISE

August 27, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartel
Director of Programs and Environmental
AFRCE - BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base, CA 92409-6448

Re: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) - Proposed Relocation of the USAFB/SSD - Public Hearing to be Held August 27, 1990

Dear Lt. Col. Bartel:

15.2 On August 21, 1990 we forwarded to you our comments on the DEIS. To emphasize the support in opposition to the relocation, we are herewith enclosing copies of various resolutions passed by the South Bay Cities, collectively through the South Bay Cities Association; the cities, individually; the El Segundo Unified School District; and the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles. At this juncture, we have been advised that most of the South Bay cities have adopted resolutions in opposition to the relocation or have placed the matter before their City Councils to be adopted. We are also enclosing copies of support from the various businesses as well as from our congressional leaders.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Jacobson,
Mayor

JOA
Encl.

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RESOLUTION NO. 3841

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF RETAINING THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE/SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AT ITS PRESENT LOCATION IN THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense is considering a proposal to the United States Congress to relocate and/or close some of its bases across the nation; and

WHEREAS, one of these bases is the Los Angeles AIR Force Base/Space Systems Division, which facility is located in the Los Angeles Basin, home of the nation's aerospace industry; and

WHEREAS, there is under consideration the relocation of this base to other areas of the Western states, including Colorado Springs, Colorado; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Vandenberg AIR Force Base, California; and Riverside, California; and

WHEREAS, loss of this base would result in a very serious and adverse impact on the economy of this region, including the loss of over 7500 jobs; loss of an annual payroll of $210 million; loss of $162 million dollars per year in local goods and services; loss of almost $2 billion dollars in lost contracts to aerospace suppliers in the Los Angeles Basin; and

WHEREAS, the loss of the aforesaid business would seriously decrease tax revenues necessary for the support of the City of El Segundo; and

WHEREAS, it would cost the government up to $1 billion to rebuild the existing educational and research and development facilities already in place.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of El Segundo concludes that the retention of the Los Angeles Air Force Base at its present location is in the economic and strategic interest of the nation's objectives in both space exploration and defense of our country, as well as the economic interest of the citizens and businesses of the City of El Segundo.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of El Segundo on behalf of its citizens does hereby urge the Department of Defense and the United States Congress to retain the Los Angeles Air Force Base/Space Systems Division in the City of El Segundo.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution; shall enter the same in the book of original resolutions of said city; and shall note a minute of the passage and adoption thereof in the records of the proceedings of the City Council of said City, in the minutes of the meeting at which the same is passed and adopted.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 17th day of July, 1990.

Mayor of the City of El Segundo, California

ATTEST:

City Clerk

(seal)

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RESOLUTION NO. 1647

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING THE POTENTIAL CLOSURE OF THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE/SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AND COMMITTING TO PARTICIPATE IN EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE HOUSING NEEDS OF THE AIR FORCE BASE.

WHEREAS, there is consideration by the Department of Defense to relocate its existing Los Angeles Air Force Base/Space Systems Division to another location due to concern about the quality of life for military personnel stationed here; and

WHEREAS, to a large extent, the consideration to relocate is based upon a lack of adequate, affordable housing for military families; and

WHEREAS, an action plan and a coordinated and concerted community effort by local and area governments to help the Los Angeles Air Force Base/Space Systems Division officials identify solutions is of utmost necessity; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Air Force Base/Space Systems Division has an immediate need for approximately 350 affordable military housing units for its non-commissioned officers; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Segundo is ideally located in relation to the Los Angeles Air Force Base/Space Systems Division inasmuch as the commute therein is less than the desired maximum goal of 30 minutes; and

WHEREAS, a clear commitment by the City of El Segundo to help the Air Force solve its housing problem would surely influence the Department of Defense towards keeping the Base in Los Angeles.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of El Segundo does hereby commit to participate with other jurisdictions to pursue every available means to cause the construction of military family housing units and will sponsor such special legislation as may be required.

SECTION 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution; shall enter the same in the book of original resolutions of said city; and shall make a minute of the passage and adoption thereof in the records of the proceedings of the City Council of said City, in the minutes of the meeting at which the same is passed and adopted.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 21st day of August, 1990.

Mayor of the City of El Segundo, California

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH CALIFORNIA

Connie Sieber, Mayor
Steve Barnes, Mayor Pro Tem
Councilmembers
C.R. "Bob" Holmes
Pat Collins
Dan Stern

Timothy J. Lilligren
City Clerk
Stephen A. Schlesinger, C.P.A.
City Treasurer

August 9, 1990

Mayor Carl Jacobson
City of El Segundo
350 Main Street
El Segundo, CA 90245

Dear Mayor Jacobson:

Attached for your information is a certified copy of a Resolution adopted by the Manhattan Beach City Council at the regular meeting of August 7, 1990, in support of retaining the Los Angeles Air Force Base/Space Systems Division at its present location in the City of El Segundo. The City of Manhattan Beach has forwarded a copy of this Resolution to the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Air Force, and to our representatives in Congress.

Sincerely,

TIMOTHY J. LILLIGREN
City Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO. 4733

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF RETAINING THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE/SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AT ITS PRESENT LOCATION IN THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense is considering a proposal to the United States Congress to relocate and/or close some of its bases across the nation; and

WHEREAS, one of these bases is the Los Angeles Air Force Base/Space Systems Division, which facility is located in the Los Angeles Basin, home of the nation's aerospace industry; and

WHEREAS, there is under consideration the relocation of this base to other areas of the Western states, including Colorado Springs, Colorado; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Vandenburg Air Force Base, California; and Riverside, California; and

WHEREAS, loss of this base would result in a very serious and adverse impact on the economy of this region, including the loss of over 7500 jobs; loss of an annual payroll of $310 million; loss of $382 million dollars per year in local goods and services; loss of almost $2 billion dollars in lost contracts to aerospace suppliers in the Los Angeles Basin; and

WHEREAS, the loss of the aforesaid business would seriously deteriorate tax revenues necessary for the support of the City of El Segundo; and

WHEREAS, it would cost the government up to $1 billion to rebuild the existing educational and research and development facilities already in place;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

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Res. 4733

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach concludes that the retention of the Los Angeles Air Force Base at its present location could be in the economic and strategic interest of the nation's objectives in both space exploration and defense of our country, and is in the economic interest of the citizens and businesses of the City of El Segundo in particular and each and every city in the South Bay, including the City of Manhattan Beach.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach on behalf of its citizens does hereby urge the Department of Defense and the United States Congress to retain the Los Angeles Air Force Base Space Systems Division in the City of El Segundo if this proves to be in the national interest.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution; shall enter the same in the book of original resolutions of said city; and shall make a minute of the passage and adoption thereof in the records of the proceedings of the City Council of said City, in the minutes of the meeting at which the same is passed and adopted.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 7th day of August, 1990.

Ayes: Barnes, Collins, Holmes, Stern, & Mayor Sieber
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

/s/ Connie Sieber
Mayor, City of Manhattan Beach, California

ATTEST:

/s/ Timothy J. Lilligren
City Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO. 90-146

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE IN SUPPORT OF RETAINING THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE/SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AT ITS PRESENT LOCATION IN THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense is considering a proposal to the United States Congress to relocate and/or close some of its bases across the nation; and

WHEREAS, one of these bases is the Los Angeles Air Force Base/Space Systems Divi[illegible]on, which facility is located in the Los Angeles Basin, home of [illegible] nation's aerospace industry; and

WHEREAS, there is under consideration the relocation of this base to other areas of the Western states, including Colorado Springs, Colorado; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Vandenburg Air Force Base, California; and Riverside, California; and

WHEREAS, loss of this base would result in a very serious and adverse impact on the economy of this region, including the loss of over 7500 jobs; loss of an annual payroll of $310 million; loss of $363 million dollars per year in local goods and services; loss of almost 2 billion dollars in lost contracts to aerospace suppliers in the Los Angeles Basin; and

WHEREAS, the loss of the aforesaid business would seriously decrease tax revenues necessary for the support of the City of Torrance; and

WHEREAS, it would cost the government up to $1 billion to rebuild the existing educational and research and development facilities already in place; and

WHEREAS, the retention of the Los Angeles Air Force Base at its present location is in the economic and strategic interest of the nation's objectives in both space exploration and defense of our country, as well as the economic interest of the citizens and businesses of the City of Torrance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Torrance urges the Department of Defense and the United States Congress to retain the Los Angeles Air Force Base/Space Systems Division in the City of El Segundo.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, does hereby support retaining the Los Angeles Air Force Base/Space Systems Division at its present location in the City of El Segundo.

Introduced, approved, and adopted this 31st day of July, 1990.

/s/ Katy Calanche
Mayor of the City of Torrance

ATTEST:

/s/ John A. Brandell
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

KENNETH NELSON
CITY ATTORNEY

By /s/ William W. Wells

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RESOLUTION NO. 4084

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF RETAINING THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE/SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AT ITS PRES. T SOUTH BAY LOCATION.

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense is considering a proposal to the United States Congress to relocate and/or close some of its bases across the nation; and

WHEREAS, one of these bases is the Los Angeles Air Force Base/Space Systems Division, which facility is located in the Los Angeles Basin, home of the nation's aerospace industry; and

WHEREAS, there is under consideration the relocation of this base to other areas of the Western states, including Colorado Springs, Colorado; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Vandenburg Air Force Base, California; and Riverside, California; and

WHEREAS, loss of this base would result in a very serious and adverse impact on the economy of the South Bay, including the loss of over 7,500 jobs; loss of annual payroll of $310 million; loss of $362 Million dollars per year in local goods and services; loss of almost $2 billion dollars in lost contracts to aerospace suppliers in the Los Angeles Basin; and

WHEREAS, it would cost the government up to $1 billion to rebuild the existing educational and research and development facilities already in place.

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NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Gardena concludes that the retention of the Los Angeles Air Force Base at its present location is in the economic and strategic interest of the nation's objectives in both space exploration and defense of our country, as well as the economic interest of the citizens and businesses of the South Bay.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of Gardena on behalf of its citizens does hereby urge the Department of Defense and the United States Congress to retain the Los Angeles Air Force Base/Space Systems Division at its present location.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution; shall enter the same in the book of original resolutions of said city; and shall make a minute of the passage and adoption thereof in the records of the proceedings of the City Council of said City, in the minutes of the meeting at which the same is passed and adopted.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED THIS 14th day of August 1990.

/s/ DONALD L. DEAR
Mayor of the City of Gardena

ATTEST: /s/ MAY Y. DOI, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL J. RANGER, CITY ATTORNEY
BY: [signature]

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)
CITY OF GARDENA)

I, MAY Y. DOI, City Clerk of the City of Gardena, do here certify that the whole number of members of the City Council of said City is five; that the foregoing Resolution being Resolution No. 4084, was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of said City of Gardena, approved and signed by the Mayor of said City, and attested by the City Clerk, all at a meeting of said City Council held on the 14th day of August, 1990, and that the same was so passed and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Dear, Council Members Fukai, Cragin, Duffy and Tsunemara
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

/s/ MAY Y. DOI, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Gardena, California

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RESOLUTION NO. 7251

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF RETAINING THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE/SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AT ITS PRESENT LOCATION IN THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO

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WHEREAS, the Department of Defense is considering a proposal to the United States Congress to relocate and/or close some of its bases across the nation;

WHEREAS, one of these bases is the Los Angeles Air Force Base/Space Systems Division, which facility is located in the Los Angeles Basin, home of the nation's aerospace industry;

WHEREAS, there is under consideration the relocation of this base to other areas of the Western states, including Colorado Springs, Colorado; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Vandenburg Air Force Base, California; and Riverside, California;

WHEREAS, loss of this base would result in a very serious and adverse impact on the economy of this region, including the loss of over 7500 jobs; loss of an annual payroll of $310 million; loss of $362 million dollars per year in local goods and services; loss of almost $2 billion dollars in lost contracts to aerospace suppliers in the Los Angeles Basin;

WHEREAS, the loss of the aforesaid business would seriously decrease tax revenues necessary for the support of the City of El Segundo;

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WHEREAS, it would cost the government up to $1 billion to rebuild the existing educational and research and development facilities already in place;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DO RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Redondo Beach concludes that the retention of the Los Angeles Air Force Base at its present location is in the economic and strategic interest of the nation's objectives in both space exploration and defense of our country, as well as the economic interest of the citizens and businesses of the City of El Segundo.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of Redondo Beach on behalf of its citizens does hereby urge the Department of Defense and the United States Congress to retain the Los Angeles Air Force Base/Space Systems Division in the City of El Segundo.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution; shall enter the same in the book of original resolutions of said city; and shall make a minute of the passage and adoption thereof in the records of the proceedings of the City Council of said City, in the minutes of the meeting at which the same is passed and adopted.

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Passed, approved, and adopted this 7th day of August, 1990.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss
CITY OF REDONDO BEACH)

I, JOHN OLIVER, City Clerk of the City of Redondo Beach, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, being Resolution No. 7251 was passed and adopted by the City Council, at an adjourned regular meeting of said Council held on the 7th day of August, 1990, and thereafter signed and approved by the Mayor and attested to by the City Clerk of said City, and that said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

YES: Councilmembers Norrell, Colin, Ward, and Caudrey
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Doerr

(SEAL)

City Clerk of the City of Redondo Beach, California

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RESOLUTION NO. 5896

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING THE POTENTIAL CLOSURE OF THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND COMMITTING TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NECESSARY MILITARY HOUSING UNITS.

WHEREAS, there is consideration by the Department of Defense to relocate its existing Los Angeles Air Force Base to another location due to concern about the quality of life for military personnel stationed there: and

WHEREAS, to a large extent, the consideration to relocate is based upon a lack of adequate, affordable housing for military families: and

WHEREAS, an action plan and a coordinated community effort by local and area governments to help the Los Angeles Air Force Base Officials identify solutions is of utmost necessity: and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Air Force Base has an immediate need for 250 affordable military housing units for its non-commissioned officers: and

WHEREAS, the City of Hawthorne is ideally located in relation to the Los Angeles Air Force Base inasmuch as the commute therein is less than the desired maximum goal of 30 minutes: and

WHEREAS, a clear commitment by the City of Hawthorne to help the Air Force solve its housing problem would surely influence the Department of Defense towards keeping the base in Los Angeles.

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BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City of Hawthorne will commit to use every available means to cause the construction of military family housing units and will sponsor such special legislation as may be required.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 1990.

BETTY J. AINSWORTH, MAYOR
City Of Hawthorne, California

ATTEST:

Chief Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MICHAEL ADAMSON
City Attorney

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEANE DANA
SUPERVISOR, FOURTH DISTRICT

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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

August 20, 1990

Mr. Ronald E. Cano
City Manager
City of El Segundo
350 Main Street
El Segundo, California 90245

Dear Ron,

I have enclosed a copy of the motion introduced by Supervisor Deane Dana and approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on August 14, 1990. The motion opposes the closing or relocation of the U.S. Air Force Station in El Segundo.

I may be reached at 533-3015 if there are any questions.

Sincerely

DEANE DANA
Supervisor, Fourth District
County of Los Angeles

LEAH J. JEFFRIES
Senior Deputy

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Larry J. Monteith, Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
383 Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held August 14, 1990, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Dana made the following statement:

"The Defense Department is moving forward in examining the possibility of closing or relocating its El Segundo Air Force Base/Space Systems Division. Either action would create a serious economic setback for the El Segundo area and for the County as a whole.

"The Air Force Base employs 3,200 military and civilian employees and the Aerospace Corporation has over 4,300 employees representing a combined payroll of $325 million annually. In addition, the two agencies have local goods and services contracts for over $362 million with a 'trickle down' effect nearly three times that amount.

"To underscore the widescale impacts that would occur if the federal government does opt to remove the facilities, the total value of contracts with area aerospace contractors such as TRW, Hughes, Rockwell and Wyle Labs is $6.5 Billion."

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Dana, seconded by Supervisor Hahn, unanimously carried (Supervisor Edelman being absent), the Executive Officer of the Board was instructed to take the following actions:

1. Prepare a five-signature letter informing the United States Department of Defense of the Board's unanimous opposition to any plan to either close or relocate the El Segundo Air Force Base/Space Systems Division, citing the full negative fiscal effects such actions would have on the aerospace industry in Southern California and on Los Angeles County in particular; and

2. Forward the same information to all members of the Los Angeles County and Southern California Congressional Delegation.

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Copies distributed:
Each Supervisor
Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller

Letters sent to:
Secretary of Defense, United States Defense Department
Each member, California Congressional Delegation

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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DEANE DANA August 14, 1990

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD:

1. Instruct the Board's Executive Officer to prepare a five-signature letter informing the U.S. Department of Defense of our unanimous opposition to any plan to either close or relocate the El Segundo Air Force Base/Space Systems Division, citing the full negative fiscal effects such actions would have on the aerospace industry in Southern California and on Los Angeles County in particular; and

2. Further direct the Executive Officer to also forward the same information to all members of the Los Angeles County and Southern California Congressional delegation.

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El Segundo Unified School District
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August 15, 1990

Mr. Ronald E. Cano
City Manager
City of El Segundo
350 Main Street
El Segundo, California 90245

Dear Ron:

Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution the Board of Education adopted last evening. The members enthusiastically support and endorse your consortium's efforts to retain the Air Force/Space Systems Division facility at its present location.

A letter and a copy of this resolution will be sent to every parent in the School District urging them to contact their elected representatives in Washington, D.C. and the appropriate Defense Department personnel to request that the facility not be moved from its present location.

Thanks again for including me in the meetings regarding this important matter.

Sincerely yours,

Walther R. Fuller
Superintendent

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense is considering a proposal to the United States Congress to relocate and/or close some of its bases across the nation; and

WHEREAS, one of these bases is the Los Angeles Air Force Base/Space Systems Division, which facility is located in the South Bay area of the Los Angeles Basin, home of the nation's aerospace industry; and

WHEREAS, the relocation of this base to other areas of the western states is under consideration, including Colorado Springs, Colorado; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Vandenburg Air Force Base, California; and Riverside, California; and

WHEREAS, loss of the base would result in a very serious and adverse impact on the economy of the region, including the loss of over 7,500 jobs; loss of an annual payroll of $310 million; loss of $382 million per year in local goods and services; loss of almost $2 billion in lost contracts to aerospace suppliers in the Los Angeles Basin; and

WHEREAS, the loss of the aforesaid business would have a serious negative impact on the El Segundo Unified School District in revenue loss and student enrollment; and

WHEREAS, it would cost the government up to $1 billion to rebuild the existing educational and research and development facilities already in place.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Education of the El Segundo Unified School District does resolve as follows:

Section 1. That the retention of the Los Angeles Air Force Base at its present location is in the economic and strategic interest of the nation's objectives in both space exploration and defense of our Country, as well as the educational and economic interest of the citizens of the City of El Segundo.

Section 2. The Board of Education of the El Segundo Unified School District on behalf of its parents and students does hereby urge the Department of Defense and the United States Congress to retain the Los Angeles Air Force Base/Space Systems Division in the City of El Segundo.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EL SEGUNDO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

President

Member

Vice President

Member

Clerk

Adopted: August 14, 1990
El Segundo Unified School District
Board of Education

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MEL LEVINE
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Ron Cano, City Manager
El Segundo City Hall
350 Main Street
El Segundo, Ca. 90245

Dear Ron:

I am writing to let you know of my strong opposition to the proposed relocation of the Space Systems Division (SSD) at Los Angeles Air Force Base and to enlist your support in this very important matter.

In an effort to reduce expenditures, the Pentagon is investigating the closure of a number of military installations both here and abroad. Los Angeles Air Force Base, which is the home of the Space Systems Division, is one of the bases currently being studied for possible closure.

While force reductions may inevitably result in the closure of bases, the Space Systems Division is not being reduced, but actually expanded as space functions increasingly replace other military activities. Far from projecting defense savings, relocating SSD may cost the taxpayer over a billion dollars in relocation costs.

Even more significant from the regional perspective, the loss of SSD could have a devastating effect on the economy of Southern California. Beyond the immediate job loss from the closure of the base and the quasi-governmental Aerospace Corporation with which it is associated, many other contractors and subcontractors may be compelled to follow SSD to its new site to maintain their relationship. This would be disastrous for our local economy.

I recently sent a letter to Secretary of Defense Cheney to express my concerns about the proposed relocation of SSD, and have attached a copy for your review. Sixteen members of the California Congressional delegation, both Democrat and Republican, and all the Members from Los Angeles County, signed this letter. I urge you to join us in expressing your concern to the Air Force about this matter.

Many of our area Chambers of Commerce and City Councils have already adopted resolutions in opposition to the proposed move. I strongly urge you to do the same, and to work to coordinate efforts as much as possible.

Only through a determined and coordinated effort by all levels of government and industry can we successfully defend the Los Angeles Air Force Base. Please do not hesitate to be in touch with me or with Elsy Bermejo or Blaise Antin of my district office staff should you have any questions or further thoughts about this matter.

Sincerely,

Mel Levine

Mel Levine
Member of Congress

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MEL LEVINE
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

August 2, 1990

The Honorable Dick Cheney
Secretary of Defense
Department of Defense
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are writing to express our opposition to the proposed relocation of the Space Systems Division (SSD) at Los Angeles Air Force Base.

We strongly believe that cost reductions must remain a primary concern as the United States restructures its forces to adapt to the changing military threat. While we recognize that base closures and realignments are necessary to this process, it is apparent that the proposed closure of Los Angeles AFB would not result in any net savings to the U.S. taxpayer, as nearly all the functions currently performed at the base would be reestablished elsewhere.

Initial cost estimates for moving SSD and the private, non-profit Aerospace Corporation which is essential to the operations of SSD, run well over one billion dollars. It is difficult to envision how the marginal efficiency gained by consolidating space functions and moving SSD elsewhere would offset the exhorbitant cost of relocating SSD.

Furthermore, we are concerned that the ultimate costs to both the economy and the Air Force will be far higher than predicted. Los Angeles Air Force Base is located in the heart of the nation's aerospace industry. The collocation of SSD and premier private aerospace talent is of enormous mutual benefit to public and private aerospace ventures. If SSD were moved elsewhere, this dynamic interaction between defense and private aerospace skill would be lost, and many of southern California's space contractors and subcontractors may also feel pressure to relocate to maintain their close association with SSD.

Finally, we would like to emphasize that the economy of southern California is already shouldering more than its share of defense cutbacks. While huge layoffs announced by Lockheed and MacDonnell Douglas will inevitably have a ripple effect throughout the space industry in the area, this pool of highly-skilled and experienced labor could be a great boon to the burgeoning space sector. The loss of SSD and much of the growing aerospace industry could decimate the economy of the region and jeopardize the strength of United States aerospace efforts as a whole. The Los Angeles Area Chambers of Commerce have expressed their strong opposition to the proposed relocation of SSD for these reasons.

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We recognize and respect the difficult choices you must make as you analyze the ways to optimize the U.S. force structure and defense expenditures. In the interests of minimizing unnecessary costs and reducing the economic impact of force restructuring, we strongly urge you to preserve the Space Systems Division at Los Angeles Air Force Base and permit it to continue its role as a dynamic and treasured partner in the Los Angeles aerospace community.

Sincerely,

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California State Senate

ROBERT G. BEVERLY
SENATOR

July 30, 1990

Honorable Carl Jacobson
Mayor, City of El Segundo
350 Main Street
El Segundo, California 90245-0989

Dear Mayor Jacobson:

Thank you for your letter of July 27,1990 advising me of your support for retaining the Space Systems Division at the Los Angeles Air Force Base.

I am in total agreement with your position. Enclosed is a copy of my letter dated July 25, 1990 to Congressman Levine so advising him and explaining the State Senate's recent passage of SJR 68.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

ROBERT G. BEVERLY

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California State Senate

ROBERT G. BEVERLY
SENATOR

July 25, 1990

Honorable Mel Levine
Member of Congress
1250 West Century Boulevard
Suite 447
Los Angeles, California 90045

RE: SJR 68 - Air Force Space Systems Division
Los Angeles Air Force Base

Dear Congressman Levine:

On May 10, 1990 the California State Senate adopted Senate Joint Resolution 68, memorializing Congress "pursuant to plans to relocate the Space Systems Division from Los Angeles Air Force Base ... to March Air Force Base." The Resolution was acted upon by the Senate 2 days after its introduction and without a hearing by the Senate Rules Committee, or any other committee.

This "fast track" procedure, waiving the usual rules, was taken at the request of the author, Senator Robert Presley, who advised us that the matter was urgent by reason of the fact that the Federal government was expected to act on the matter within a very short time.

During the brief floor debate in the Senate, in response to my questions, Senator Presley assured us that the intent of the Resolution was to request that the Space Systems Division of the U.S. Air Force, be established at March Air Force Base in Riverside County, if, and only if, the Los Angeles Airport facility were to be closed. It was not intended to endorse or support the closure or deactivation of the Los Angeles Base.

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Honorable Mel Levine July 25, 1990
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Frankly, the language of the Resolution should have been amended to more clearly reflect this intent, (and I assure you, would have been so amended in the Senate Rules Committee where I sit as one of 5 members) if it were not for the representations of the author, made in good faith, as to the need for immediate action.

I wholeheartedly support your efforts to retain the Space Systems Division at its present location at the Los Angeles Air Force Base. Senator Diane Watson, whose district adjoins this facility, also supports this position.

Sincerely,

ROBERT G. BEVERLY

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cc: Senator Diane E. Watson
Assemblyman Curtis Tucker, Jr.
Assemblyman Gerald N. Felando

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TRW

TRW Space & Defense Sector

Julian R. Levine
Vice President
Communications

August 24, 1990

Mr. Ernie O'Dell
President
South Bay Association of
Chambers of Commerce
c/o Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce
1215 N. Catalina Avenue
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Dear Mr. O'Dell:

This letter is an express support for the efforts of the South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce, South Bay Cities Association, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce and other groups that are working to ensure that the complete environmental and economic impact is reflected in the studies currently being performed relative to the proposed closure of the Los Angeles Air Force Base in El Segundo. It is our understanding that representatives from your group and others will be addressing these issues at the August 27th public hearing regarding the Environmental Impact Statement.

As an active member of the South Bay community, TRW Space & Defense recognizes that closure of the Los Angeles Air Force Base will negatively impact all cities in the area and we sympathize with your concern regarding the economic difficulties such a closure would have.

The Los Angeles Air Force Base has been an outstanding neighbor in the South Bay and is greatly appreciated for its contributions to the local community, both in economic terms and in terms of the Air Force personnel who have been residents of many South Bay cities. The loss of so great an asset cannot be overestimated.

We applaud the local communities that are seeking ways to provide additional affordable housing for the base. We believe that the efforts of cities such as El Segundo, Hawthorne, Los Angeles, Torrance, Redondo Beach and others could provide enough cost savings to mitigate the current high cost of living for military and civilian base employees. Hopefully, this unified effort of all cities in the area, as well as the business community, will provide the impetus needed for the Space Systems Division to remain at the Los Angeles Air Force Base.

Sincerely,

Julian R. Levine
Vice President
Communications

TRW Inc

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RESOLUTION
of
SOUTH BAY CITIES ASSOCIATION

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH BAY CITIES ASSOCIATION IN SUPPORT OF RETAINING THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE/SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AT ITS PRESENT LOCATION AND COMMITTING TO PARTICIPATE IN EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE AIR FORCE BASE, INCLUDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

WHEREAS, there is consideration by the Department of Defense to relocate its existing Los Angeles Air Force Base/Space Systems Division to another location due to concern about the quality of life for military personnel stationed here; and

WHEREAS, an action plan and a coordinated and concerted community effort by local and area governments to help the Los Angeles Air Force Base/Space Systems Division officials identify solutions is of utmost necessity; and

WHEREAS, to a large extent, the consideration to relocate is based upon a lack of adequate, affordable housing for military families; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Air Force Base/Space Systems Division has an immediate need for approximately 250-300 affordable military housing units for its non-commissioned officers; and

WHEREAS, a clear commitment by the South Bay Cities Association to help the Air Force address its needs, including but not limited to housing, would surely influence the Department of Defense towards keeping the Base in Los Angeles.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE SOUTH BAY CITIES ASSOCIATION, COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING CITIES: CARSON, EL SEGUNDO, GARDENA, HAWTHORNE, HERMOSA BEACH, INGLEWOOD, LAWNDALE, LOMITA, LOS ANGELES, MANHATTAN BEACH, PALOS VERDES ESTATES, RANCHO PALOS VERDES, REDONDO BEACH, ROLLING HILLS, ROLLING HILLS ESTATES AND TORRANCE, DOES RESOLVE:

1. To support the retention of the United States Air Force Base/Space Systems Division at its present location;

2. To pursue every reasonable option to retain the Los Angeles Air Force Base/space Systems Division at its present location, including the construction of affordable housing units to accomodate military personnel;

3. To sponsor such special legislation as may be required.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 23rd day of August, 1990.

Jack Bachrach, President SBCA

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August 24, 1990

The Residential Real Estate Impact of the Closure of the Los Angeles Air Force Base on the Greater South Bay Region:

The Greater South Bay Region (GSBR) Multiple Listing Service includes seven real estate boards: Gardena, Hawthorne-Lawndale, Inglewood, Palos Verdes, San Pedro-Wilmington, South Bay, and Torrance-Lomita-Carson. The cities of El Segundo, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, and Redondo Beach are in the South Bay Board. All of the cities in the seven board area are within 16 miles of LAAFB. Since a majority of the base employees live within this area, this report can address directly the impact on these communities.

How has the local real estate market been lately? Figures from the Regional Multiple Listing Service show a major decline in sales in new and previously owned homes, townhomes, and condominiums in the last 18-24 months. More properties are being listed for sale, and a significantly smaller number of them are selling. Latest figures show that the average length of time to sell a house is increasing now also:

Calendar Year	Homes for Sale	Avg. Market Time (Days)	Homes Sold-pending Sale
1988	7,584	89	5,838 (83.35%)
1989	13,061	84	5,526 (42.30%)
Jan-Jun 1989	5,929	95	3,038 (51.23%)
Jan-Jun 1990	6,583	115	2,311 (35.07%)

There are 3,185 civilian and military employees at LAAFB (Aerospace Corporation civilians-4,075, Base civilians-2,309, military-1,761). Of the military personnel, 84% live in the 13 cities which are included in the GSBR (Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, San Pedro, and Torrance). In addition, 59% of the Aerospace Corporation civilians live within this area. The residences of the base civilian employees were not available, but the same 59% is reasonable to estimate for this report.

Summary:

Total Military	- 1,761	X 84% living in the GSBR	= 1,540
Total Aerospace Civilians	- 4,075	X 59% living in the GSBR	= 2,401
Total Base Civilians	- 2,309	X 59% living in the GSBR	= 1,362
		Total personnel	5,303

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In reporting the housing status and location of personnel by area, the base interim report lists 341 private homes owned by military personnel and 3,447 owned by all civilian personnel. By applying the GSBR percentages shown in the summary, the following number of homes are owned in these communities:

Military	341 x 84% =	286
Civilian	3,447 x 59% =	2,034
	Total Homes	2,220

By adding the 57% homes at Fort MacArthur to the above total, 2,794% homes would be affected in the GSBR if the base were closed. (Note: by extending the 16 mile distance out to 20-30 miles as shown in the interim report, the percentages go up from 84% to 90% for military and from 59% to 84% for civilian.)

In reviewing the number of homes for sale in 1989, 13,061 were listed, representing an increase of 5% from the previous year. The Jan-Jun 1990 figures are up 10% from the Jan-Jun 1989 total. Homes sold and pending sale in 1989 dropped 4% from 1988, and the first six months' sales of 1990 show a 32% drop from the first half of 1989. Also, the average time to sell a home has lengthened from approximately three months to nearly four months.

4.4 The closure of LAAFB would seriously effect the Greater South Bay Region real estate market. If all 2,794 homes within this area were listed for sale, it would represent a 20% increase over the 1989 total, and 1989 was a year in which home sales dropped nearly 50% from the previous year. Any significant increase of homes listed for sale will have a chilling impact on an already cool residential real estate market.

Bob Butterfield
Bob Butterfield
Shorewood Realtors
3300 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
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Los Angeles AFB

I ATTENDED THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ABOVE STATED DEIS. EXCEPTIONS CONTINUED, IN MY OPINION, IT MAKES NO MENTION & CONSIDERS NOT ADEQUATE ISSUES TO EVEN CONSIDER RELOCATION. 15.2

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION TO A DECISION FOR ALTERNATIVE 4: 'NO ACTION'

- Thank You For Your Comments -

Name Ann T. Bradford

Address 2411 West 182nd Place, Torrance CA 90504
Street Address City / State / Zip Code

Please hand this form in or mail to: Director
Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base CA 92409-6448

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La Purisima Audubon Society

Lompoc, California

(805) 733-2499 • P.O Box 2045 93438

August 28,1990

Lt.Col. Tom Bartol
Director of Programs and Environmental
AFRCE-BMS/DEP,
Norton Airforce Base, Calif. 92409-6448

Dear Lt.Col. Bartol; RE:Closure of L.A. AFB, California

The La Purisima Audubon Society is deeply concerned about the proposed relocation of the Space Systems Division to Vandenberg AFB. This relocation would cause significant degradation to the quality of life in the Northern Santa Barbara County area. Any of the alternatives listed in the draft EIS for this projected move will have significant adverse impacts on an already seriously overdrafted groundwater resource. This, in turn, has a high potential for negatively affecting one of the last known populations of the federally listed as endangered threespine stickleback fish in San Antonio Creek. Other wetland areas would also receive serious adverse impacts. 13.1

Any of the proposed alternatives will also have significant adverse impacts on the natural environment of the upland habitats of our area, including the rare Burton Mesa plant community. The proposed development may also affect areas which contain a number of ecologically sensitive communities that provide habitat for as many as 42 sensitive plant and animal species. 13.4

Traffic associated with the proposed action would increase daily round trips to Vandenberg Airforce Base by over 15,000 vehicles during the peak construction year and approximately 8,200 vehicles after completion. Project-related traffic would cause several road segments in the Santa Maria/Orcutt area to operate beyond their intended capacity at an unacceptable level of service. 6.2

Purchase of water from the coastal aqueduct is the only mitigation discussed under "Water Resources Mitigation". The aqueduct does not exist, nor has it been approved-already it is providing stimulus for explosive, harmful overgrowth in Northern Santa Barbara County. 10.2

Our North County schools are already over crowed. The quality of the educational system for our children will be in jeopardy.

This explosive growth and environmentally damaging project is not in the best interests of northern Santa Barbaras' communities. Our leadership must remember that they represent the interests of ALL of the people, not just the minority that have vested economic interest in short term monetary gain. 4.5

Sincerely,
Linda Sehgal
Conservation Chairwoman

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ARBOR MEDICAL GROUP

August 28, 1990

Lt Col Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton, AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt Col Bartol:

Arbor Medical Group consists of 85 employees, which includes 12 physicians, located in the Santa Maria area. These employees and physicians, in turn, represent some 300 family members. We support controlled, moderate growth, and feel that it is vital to the economy and future of the Santa Maria Valley. Our natural resources are sufficient to sustain this growth without an undue strain on our present population.

A complete movement of the SSD and BMO to Vandenberg Air Force Base would cause a severe strain on the economy and even though this movement may take several years to complete, it would take years for the Central Coast to recover from this rapid in-migration as the causes and effects would be monumental. In our research, we would anticipate very little problem in bringing in from 2000-5000 families, as they would undoubtedly locate in Goleta to the south to San Luis Obispo and Atascadero in the north. A number this size would merely replace those families who departed the Central Coast several years ago when the problems with the shuttle arose. At the present time, we either have sufficient housing available or approved permits to absorb the above number of families. 15.10

The Central Coast has long enjoyed our relationship with military and civilian members of Camp Cooke and, subsequently, Vandenberg Air Force Base. We expect this fine relationship to continue in future years. If it is deemed appropriate to transfer part of SSD and/or BMO to Vandenberg Air Force Base, you will find most residents of the Central Coast in a receptive mood.

Very truly yours,

Roger G. Bunch
Chief Operations Officer

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Vandenberg AFB

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- Thank You For Your Comments -

Name [illegible]

Address [illegible]
Street Address City / State / Zip Code

Please hand this form in or mail to: Director
Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base CA 92409-6448

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Dear Lt Col Bartol,
Reference the possible move of 550 to Kirtland. I'm an Air Force [illegible] which would open at our base. Many of us were RIF'ed via downgrading because of the CMD RIF. We think the 550 move will help our career progression back up to our old grade level. [illegible]

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California State Senate

GARY K. HART
Chairman
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

August 28, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director of Programs and Environmental
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base, California 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

15.10 Vandenberg Air Force Base -- a key installation for our nation's defense and space programs -- is clearly an ideal site for possible relocation of portions of Space Systems Division. I urge that Vandenberg be given primary consideration for the proposed move.

Vandenberg has been a significant economic and community partner in northern Santa Barbara County for several decades. New jobs resulting from relocation of these programs here would aid the community's effort to maintain the economic stability that is so vital to protecting the outstanding quality of life of this area.

North County communities -- especially the Lompoc Valley -- have suffered a number of economic setbacks in recent years due to the loss of nearly 5,000 Shuttle-related jobs. Families relocating to the area would certainly be welcomed by the community.

I also support careful analysis of the environmental effects of the relocation that will help the Air Force and the community to better understand how much additional growth our area can reasonably sustain.

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As State Senator of the 18th District, I urge priority consideration of Vandenberg as the new home for this mission. I appreciate the opportunity the Air Force has provided the public to express its views.

Sincerely,

Gary K. Hart

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VAFB

SANTA MARIA VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

August 28, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartel
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartel,

15.10 The Santa Maria Valley Economic Development Association Board of Directors supports relocation of the Los Angeles Air Force Base to Vandenberg Air Force Base.

After review of the draft EIS we feel confidant that Santa Maria and the surrounding communities could, over time, accommodate and reasonably mitigate any impacts associated with the relocation. At the very least, we could immediately accommodate the Ballistic Missle Organization relocation, which is compatible with current Vandenberg operation. Current employment at Vandenberg is approximately 10,000 which is 5,000 below the 15,000 level experienced prior to the decline of space shuttle operations. Ballistic Missle Organization operation would restore only about 50% of these reductions.

In summary we believe that any enhancement of current Vandenberg Air Force Base operations will provide a much needed boost to the economic stability and well-being of Santa Maria and it's neighbors.

Respectfully,

James A. Diani
President

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Vandenberg AFB

8/31/90

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· Thank You For Your Comments ·

Name

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Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base CA 92409-6448

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DOTTIE RENFROW

August 28, 1990

Gentlemen of the United States Air Force:

Welcome to The beautiful Central Coast area, otherwise known as God's favorite place to hang out. We are blessed with a wonderful climate. We raise and cook some of the best beef, pork, vegetables, and sweet, huge strawberries and we have plenty of space to grow. You will enjoy sunsets as beautiful as any place in the world.

Our shopping in Santa Barbara County competes with that of any county. We have the ability and resources to have a great quality of life. Our city and county officials and associations such as the Chambers of Commerce, Citizens for A Balanced Community and the Economic Development Association work diligently for quality growth. We meet the challenge of improving our world every day.

15.10 When we heard of the possibility of the United States Air Force relocating to our area, we were very excited and are looking forward to the economic benefits you will add. We are friendly people and look forward to making your personnel feel at home in short order.

You may be aware of the fact that a few years ago we suffered a loss of nearly 5,000 jobs. Even before that we had the capability of additional staffing at Vandenberg Air Force Base. Your move is going to fill a void and be a great addition to our area. We have another plus in our favor, we have the only launch site for polar orbiting satellites. We can actually save you money with your move to our community.

Of course, there is one negative to moving to the Central Coast; your staff may never want to leave, and I understand, sometimes they don't have a lot of choice.

So, place those calls to your families, tell them to get packing, you are headed for Vandenberg Air Force Base, neighbor of Los Alamos, Lompoc, Guadalupe, Sisquoc, and Santa Maria, the Center of the Best.

Sincerely,

Dottie Renfrow,
Business Person and
Concerned Citizen

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Written Comment Sheet

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base And Relocation of Space Systems Division

Vandenberg AFB

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· Thank You For Your Comments ·

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TOM HIYOSHI
Supervisor, First District

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

105 East Anapamu Street, Room 53
Santa Maria, California 93454
(805) 346-8400

August 28, 1990

Lt. Col. Thomas J. Bartol
Director, Program and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, Ca. 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col Bartol,

Thank you for allowing me and my constituents an opportunity to speak this evening on the potential relocation of H-Q Space Systems Division to Vandenberg Air Force Base.

2.2 I want to clarify statements which were made at a March 27th environmental scoping session by a representative of Santa Barbara County. At that meeting, the Air Force was requesting all pertinent information regarding potential environmental impacts should the Space Systems Division be relocated to the Central Coast. The information which was provided by the representative of the County Resource Management Department, and a May 1st letter from that same office, addressed potential impacts in the area of groundwater supplies, traffic, housing, and local agriculture (to name a few). The County input appropriately offered important information so that the Air Force could collect data pertinent for an Environmental Impact Study (EIS). Similar comments were also offered to the Air Force in a March 20th letter from Mr. Jeremy Graves, a Principal Planner for the City of Lompoc. The comments by Santa Barbara County and the City of Lompoc were both informative and appropriate.

Unfortunately, some people have interpreted this input as a signal that Santa Barbara County would prefer that the Space Systems Division not be relocated to Vandenberg Air Force Base. I want to assure you that this is not the case.

4.7 I would however, like to echo comments made by Santa Maria City Councilman Tom Urbanske. The Central Coast could greatly benefit from the high technology and employment opportunities provided by the relocation. We should not however, ignore potential impacts if 20-thousand people were to relocate to the Central Coast over a short period of time.

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I was pleased to hear, in a speech delivered last week by Congressman Lagomarsino, that Vandenberg Air Force Base has not been moved from first to fifth place on a priority list for potential relocation sites. Comments made previously by an Air Force official which placed Vandenberg fifth on a priority list were obviously inaccurate. I am confident the Air Force will wait until all the appropriate data is collected before making a final decision.

The Air Force, and the Defense Department have, through the years, provided excellent employment opportunities for people who reside on the Central Coast. This relationship has contributed greatly to our local economy. It is a relationship that I, as a representative of the Fifth Supervisorial District, would like to see continue.

Sincerely,

Tom Hiyoshi
Fifth District Supervisor
Santa Barbara County

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13 August 1990
Lt/Gen Aloysius G. Casey
USAF (Ret)
630 Palo Alto Dr
Redlands, CA 92373

Lt/Col Tom Bartol
Dir, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Col Bartol,

Recently I received the "Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base, CA and Relocation of Space Systems Division." I am taking this opportunity to provide my comments for consideration in the process.

My comments are directed to section 4.2. This section purports to "present the environmental impacts of the proposed and alternative actions involving BMO facilities and personnel in San Bernardino, California." At the public hearing in San Bernardino I asked that you consider the impacts on the mission of the BMO as a function of the move. This has not been done in the DEIS. The History paragraph in section 3.2 fails to record the significant contribution of the BMO (or other Title) over the critical years of the cold war. More importantly the section 4.2 fails to anticipate the impact of relocating, and in the process losing, a significant portion of the expertise, corporate knowledge, and heritage of the excellent Missile Acquisition Organization which has operated in San Bernardino for almost thirty years. I know this impact is not easily quantified but that does not disqualify it from being perhaps the most important impact of the proposed move. Surely if you are clever enough to estimate the impact on the Santa Ana Wooly-Star (Eriastrum densifolium sanctorum) you are clever enough to estimate the degradation on the principal mission of the organization involved in the move.

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As a former Commander of the BMO I do not believe this impact is small nor negligible. At the minimum you should estimate the loss of experience among civilian employees and IPA personnel and project that into the loss of program legacy that will occur with the move.

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The reason I feel strongly that this impact must be included is because I believe it may well become the deciding factor. It is clear to me that there will be an up front cost associated with the move and I also believe the continuing operations costs will be higher at any new location. Thus if there is no savings associated with the move, and the mission is adversely impacted, the choice will be clear to the decision maker. The estimated loss of 2,530 direct and 8,170 indirect jobs in the Inland Empire is not only unfair to the community but unwise for the Air Force.

I recognize that you have attempted to limit the scope of this DEIS to impacts on the physical and natural

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environment. However as you describe the related studies in section 1.2.3, I do not see any mention of the impact on the mission as I have outlined. In addition, I note you predict only 25% retention of "direct and secondary civilian employees": surely you must analyze what this means in any fully prepared impact study.

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Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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21 August 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol:
Director, Programs &Environmental Division
AFSCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, Ca. 92409-6448

Dear Sir:

I was assigned to Vandenberg AFB during its original build up in 1952. At that time, my family was forced to live with my parents in the Los Angeles area for over six months while we waited for our house to be built. If you move the Space Division to Vandenberg, the housing problems will be even worse for your people.

Only 19% of your people would be accomodated on the Base; 81% would be required to find housing in the neighboring communities. Lompoc, the closest city, can only accomodate 10% of the new growth because of its "tight development pattern," so 80% of the new development to support the relocated personnel would occure in the Santa Maria area. The City of Santa Maria has very little land left within the city limits to develop. True, they are trying to increase their sphere of influence so they can annex more land, but LAFCO is not expected to approve nearly as large an expansion as the city desires. This means the majority of the expansion would take place in the Orcutt area which lies between Vandenberg and Sant. Maria. Orcutt is unincorporated and comes under County jurisdiction.

Let me explain the reality of this. The local citizenry in Santa Barbara County grew sick of the massive building and resulting impact on their quality of life and threw out the previous pro-growth Board of Supervisors. And rightly so, with our large water overdraft and our saturated roads. The last two large sub-divisions proposed in the Orcutt area were denied unanimously. Petitions from Orcutt residents requesting denial were presented to the Planning Commision bearing 121 signatures in the first case and 301 in the last. This is typical of the opposition you can expect to greating new housing for your people.

15.7 I suggest you seriously consider other locations where you would be more welcome.

Sincerely,

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HURST & ASSOCIATES, INC.
CONSULTING ENGINEERS

August 20, 1990

Lt. Colonel Tom Bartol
Director Programs
AAFCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, California 92409-6488

Re: Falcon Air Station - Relocation of Air Force System Commands Space and Missile Systems Organization

Dear Colonel Bartol:

We understand that the Air Force is considering Falcon Air Station as a site for the Air Force System Commands Space and Missile Systems Organization relocation and that a concern has been raised about future water supplies for Falcon Air Station. As consulting engineers for Hydro-Transfer Water Company, we are informing you that the company has a potable water transmission line three miles south of Falcon Air Station and that the company has 6,000 acre feet per year of uncommitted potable water reserves. This water can be made readily available to Falcon Air Station as the company has already completed preliminary design for a water line running along the western boundary of Falcon Air Station. 7.1

If we can provide you with further information or a water service commitment, please contact us.

Sincerely,

HURST & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Carl Hurst

Carl Hurst, P.E.
Project Manager

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA — GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN, Governor

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD—
LOS ANGELES REGION

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August 21, 1990 File: 700.130

Lt Col Tom Bartol
Director of Programs and Environmental
AFSCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

DRAFT EIS - CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AFB-8 NONCONTIGUOUS SITES: AFD AERO AEROSPACE CORP, IN EL SEGUNDO, LAWNDALE ANNEX IN LAWNDALE, PACIFIC CREST, PACIFIC HEIGHTS AND FORT MACARTHUR HOUSING IN SAN PEDRO. SCH#90060111: U. S. AIR FORCE

We have reviewed the subject document regarding the proposed project.

8.1 The soils and shallow ground water beneath industrial areas are frequently contaminated as a results of the land use. Now that this Air Force Base is closing it would be the ideal time to conduct exploratory drilling of these properties and sample the underlying soil and shallow ground water. The soil and water should be analyzed for Volatile Organic Chemicals, Base/Neutrals and Acid Extractables, Trace Metals, and other hazardous materials used on these properties. We would like input into this investigation as it moves along and a copy of the final report. You may discuss this with James E. Rose, (213) 266-7619, of this Board.

Thank you for this opportunity to review your document. If you have any questions regarding the environmental document, please contact Eugene C. Ramstedt at (213) 266-7553.

John L. Lewis

JOHN L. LEWIS, Unit Chief
Technical Support Unit

cc: Garrett Ashley, State Clearinghouse

(07-13-89)

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August 22, 1990

MEMO TO: Lt. Col. Tom Bartol

FROM: Wayne Schwammel

SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE

The attached letter supercedes the one delivered to you by General Cromer as a result of our August 9 meeting. The only change is the addition of paragraph three relating to the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant. Please substitute this letter for the original for your hearing on August 28, 1990 in Lompoc.

Wayne Schwammel

WAYNE SCHWAMMEL
City Administrator

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110 EAST COOK STREET · SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA 93454-5190 · 805-925-0951 · FAX 805-349-3067

August 22, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director of Programs and Environmental
AFFCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

RE: CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA AND RELOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS (HQ) SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION (SSD) AND APPROPRIATE SUPPORTING UNITS

The City of Santa Maria is very interested in supporting the partial relocation of Headquarters (HQ) Space Systems Division (SSD) and appropriate supporting units to Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB), California. We feel that the City of Santa Maria can play a part in supporting the potential housing and urban service demand created by the relocation of the personnel and supporting industries to Vandenberg Air Force Base as a result of the closure of the Los Angeles Air Force Base.

The City's present population is 55,223, with 20,081 dwelling units. The vacancy rate for all types of residential units was 3.92% as of January 1, 1990. The City has the capacity to add an additional 6,484 residential units within its corporate limits, and we have been averaging about 550 residential units constructed per year over the past 10 years. At present we have 2,816 residential units in various stages of construction, pending issuance of permits or discretionary review and approval. (See attached Major Residential Development Listing dated July 9, 1990.)

The City's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) has an existing capacity of 7.8 million gallons per day (mgd). The present average daily flow is at 6.5 mgd. City Council just authorized engineering design for expansion to 10.5 mgd, and construction is scheduled to begin in 1992.

The unincorporated Orcutt area, contiguous to the southern boundary of the city, has a population of approximately

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30,000 people, with land zoned for residential uses that would accommodate an additional 1,900 residential units.

The City and the Local Agency Formation Commission are presently conducting a Sphere of Influence Boundary and Concurrent Annexation Study with the potential of adding 5,448 acres to the City's Sphere of Influence and concurrently annexing approximately 1,700 acres, the primary target areas. The annexation of this land would allow for a balance of land uses and would permit 7,000 additional residential units. We anticipate that a decision from the Local Agency Formation Commission regarding approval of the Sphere Boundary and Annexations in early 1991. We are presently preparing Specific Plans for each of the target areas and will begin to prepare the Environmental Impact Report in September 1990.

The City of Santa Maria is naturally concerned about a sudden increase in population over a short period of time. However, we feel that we can support our natural growth and a portion of the growth due to the proposed relocation. In addition, other northern Santa Barbara County areas would support a portion of the growth. 15.10

As in most planning issues, if the proposal is reasonable, it will be accommodated. Based on the above, the City of Santa Maria can partially meet the demands due to the proposed Air Force relocation. As to the exact numbers, further analysis would be necessary. It would seem on the surface that the best and most reasonable solution would be to spread the relocation over several areas to allow the impacts of the move to be equally dispersed. 15.3

The City of Santa Maria is eager to work with appropriate Air Force officials pursuant to this matter.

Sincerely,

WAYNE SCHWAMMEL
City Administrator

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RESOLUTION NO. 90-175

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA ENCOURAGING THE PARTIAL RELOCATION OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE PERSONNEL TO VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE

WHEREAS, the United States Air Force, Space Systems Division, has announced the proposed relocation from Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Maria has planned for future expansion of its infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Maria has the ability to add 6,484 dwelling units within its present corporate boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Maria has 2,816 dwelling units in various stages of construction or discretionary review; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Maria and the Orcutt area presently have approximately 700 dwelling units for sale based on the latest "multiple listing"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Maria will complete required studies to allow annexation of 1,700 acres as the primary focus of future growth; and

WHEREAS, this annexed area would allow the ability to add up to 7,000 additional dwelling units; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Maria has over 1,800 hotel rooms that would accommodate interim housing needs of military and civilian workers and families; and

WHEREAS, the urban area south of Santa Maria and other corporate entities in north Santa Barbara County have growth potential of varying degrees; and

WHEREAS, the Quality of Life in Santa Maria Valley is outstanding, and the recreation opportunities of the Central Coast are limitless;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Santa Maria hereby expresses its strong support for the partial relocation of Air Force personnel and related civilian personnel from the Los Angeles Air Force Base to Vandenberg Air Force Base to help compensate for the loss of over 3,000 jobs at Vandenberg Air Force Base over the past three years.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Santa Maria held on the 21st day of August, 1990.

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CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

By /s/ GEORGE S. HOBBS, JR.
Mayor

ATTEST:

By /s/ JANET KALLAND
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BY: [signature]
CITY ATTORNEY

CONCURS:

BY: [signature]
DEPARTMENT HEAD

BY: [signature]
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA) ss.
CITY OF SANTA MARIA)

I, JANET KALLAND, City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria and ex officio Clerk of the City Council DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 90-125 which was duly and regularly introduced and adopted by said City Council at a regular meeting held August 21, 1990 by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Dan A. Firth, Bob Orach, Curtis J. Tunnell, Thomas B. Urbanske and Mayor George S. Hobbs, Jr.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

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[redacted] RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS
CITY OF SANTA MARIA
JULY 9, 1990

This list contains information on [redacted] residential projects in the planning process or under construction within the City of Santa Maria. A project is added to the list when the project makes application for some type of approval from the City of Santa Maria, and is removed from the list (and the summary of approved units) when the project has been certified for occupancy by the Building Division.

SUMMARY OF THE STATUS OF RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS

2,000 units under construction/need building permit/need approval of a discretionary permit; 720 units have received final inspections. See table below.

SUMMARY TABLE
HOUSING TYPE BY STATUS

Project Type	Units Built (Completed in Phases)	Under Construction	Planned/Approved	Pending Review	Total
Single Family Residential	619	127	879	486	2,111
Mobile Home	—	210	130	—	340
Condominium	90	75	—	130	295
Apartment	—	130	344	187	661
Seniors/ Handicapped	—	—	301	—	301
TOTAL	710	542	1,300	900	3,231

[redacted] of the total number of units listed are already built and occupied.

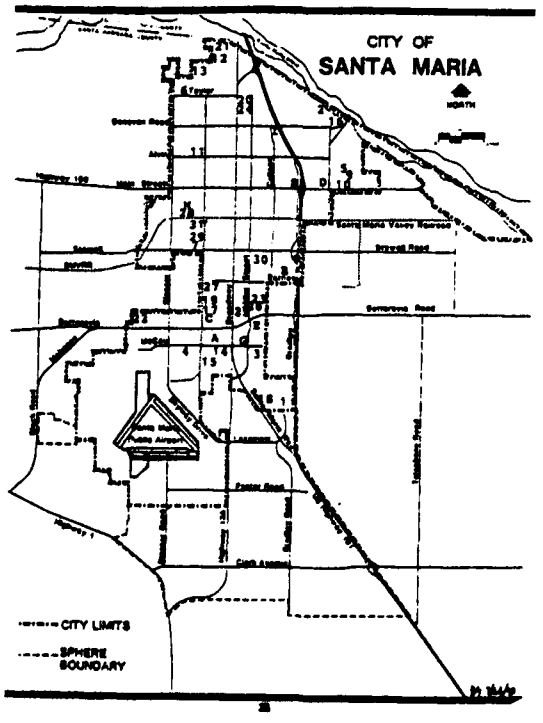
1,170 units possible with approved General Plan amendments and zone changes. A discretionary permit must be obtained by each project before building permit may be issued.

[redacted] units are possible with the approval of General Plan amendments and zone changes pending Planning Commission and City Council action.

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The following projects have initiated the Planned Development (PD) or Use (U) permit and/or Building Permit process:

	Project	Type/Volume of Units	Status and Type of Approval
1	Foxton Hills Contact: Williams Bros. Realty 607 S. Main Street Santa Maria, Ca 93454 (805) 925-0521	600 lots on 150 acres to be done in 4 phases 1000 block North Main Way and College Drive extended between Santa Maria Way and U.S. 101 PD/D-1; 0.000 120-010-02, -03, -10	Tracts 3412 and 3441 last+ional lots under construction approximately 412 houses finished; 11 houses under construction and 10 lots remain to be built
2	Riverside Terrace Contact: David Sorensen Sorensen Company P.O. Box 8909 San Luis Obispo, CA 93403-8909 (805) 544-9007	94 single family lots Generally north of Creston Street near the Santa Maria River R-1 17.13 acres 120-092-20, -21	Tract 3462 Tentative map approved by the City Council on 4/19/90 Final Map recorded Lots graded
3	Los Cabos Contact: Dick Pace Sun Tree Company 3250 Overpass Road Santa Barbara, Ca (805) 964-0877	196 R-1 units East of Miller Street, South of Hadley extension PD/D-1; 0.000 17.03 acres 120-090-07, -21	1-90-25 (PD): Tract 3480 time extension to 11/22/91 Phase VII (26 SFD's) & Phase VIII (21 SFD's) under construction
4	Pasatiempo Country Club Estates Contact: Pasatiempo Builders 4300 Orcutt Expressway Santa Maria, Ca 93455 (805) 937-7301	143 Single Family Lots South side of Hadley Lane, east of Stowell Drive and west of the SPRR PD/D-1 43 acres 111-090-40, -46, -47	Tract 3409 Tentative 11 units under construction
5	Prospect Court Contact: R. E. Walsh Surveys 312 East Hill Street Suite 200 Santa Maria, Ca 93454 (805) 925-3705	15 Single Family Lots South of Prospect Avenue at East Alvin Avenue PD/D-1; 3.000 1.07 acres 120-093-06	Tract 3480 Final Map Recorded Lots graded

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6	Oak Valley Ranch Contacts: Jeanette Damone Pumpkin' Gold Soup Evening 11565 Los Osos Valley Road San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 (805) 544-8717 City of Santa Maria Community Development Dept. (same address as below)	307 single family dwelling units 1000 North Railroad Avenue SOURCE: PD/R-1; 6.000 117-020-00 and -07 30.01 acres remaining	5-07-90 (PD) Final Maps Recorded for A, 1st I, II, & III Units 1 & III (97 d.u.) completed 70 Lots 70 Lots
7	Liberty Subdivision Contact: City of Santa Maria Community Development Dept. 110 S. Cook Street Santa Maria, CA 93454 (805) 925-0951 ext. 260	16 SFR lots, 26 small SFR lots, and a 1.27 acre PD/R-2 lot SW of Depot and Stowell PD/R-1, PD/SDL-1, PD/R-2 10 acres 120-110-04, -10, -12	Tract 5547 Tentative Map approved
8	Peppertree Villas II (Regency Plaza) Contact: Myrna Plater 801 South Broadway Santa Maria, CA 93454 (805) 925-5579	10 zero lot line single family homes 1836 East Chapel PD/R-2 1.00 acres 121-360-19	5-08-90 (PD) Tract 5490. One Year Time Extension to 7/8/91
9	Rowland Estates Contact: S. J. Welch Corporation 312 East Gill Street Suite 300 Santa Maria, CA 93454 (805) 925-1791	20 single family lots East of Suey Road and south of Tract 5409 PD/R-1; 6.286 6.97 acres 128-062-09	Tract 5501 Tentative Map pending
10	Valley Grove Pyrah Planning Associates 3400 Professional Parkway Santa Maria, CA 93455 (805) 937-0430	52 single family residential lots East Gill Street, east of Suey Road PD/R-1; 6.000 10.07 acres 128-062-16, -73	Tract 5527 Tentative Map approved

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11	Glenmeadow II Contact: James G. Daily 3200 S. Alvin P.O. Box 2007 Oxnard, CA 93033 (805) 486-0000	31 small lot zero-side yard single family Unbuilt Lands SW Corner of Alvin & Railroad PD/R-2 6.68 acres 120-010-04	Tract 5046 Final Map recorded Under Construction
12	Post Plaza Contact: Barry Hedge 4686 Appaloosa Trail Oxford, CA 93405 (805) 933-0002	136 mobile home spaces East of Broadway Park PD/MHP 117-020-32 20.00 acres	5-08-10 (PD) Approved by Planning Commission Clearance permit issued
13	Santa Maria Plaza Contact: (same as above)	210 mobile home spaces 2130 North Railroad PD/R-1 40 Acres 117-020-63	5-07-25 (PD) Planned development permit approved Under construction
14	Country Club Village Contact: SDC Corporation 277 South Carmen, Suite F San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 (805) 987-0000	Village Greens Condominiums 80 condominium units +/- 5. Acres PD/R-1, 6.000 3.00 acres 111-070-35	5-03-01 (ED) 80 units built Tract 5040 pending; Recently phases III & IV of Tract 5301 Few PD applications pend.
15	Dan Clough & Associates 2600 Professional Parkway Santa Maria, CA 93455 (805) 937-6041	Country Club Village III 50 R-1 Lots 600-700 block N. Muller PD/R-1, 6.000 24 acres 111-070-08, -22, 111-080-14	Tract 5040 Tentative Map Approved Project Suspension Tracts 5402 & 5403
16	Shields/Shoemaker APN Subdivision Contact: Dana Shields Sunbird Realty 1000 S. Broadway, Suite B Santa Maria, CA 93454 (805) 928-3316	68 single family homes Northeast corner of Skyway and Suey Roads PD/R-1/S.SDD 10.7 acres 128-080-11, -27, -28, and -31	Tract 5020 pending review General Plan amend. & zone change required for portion of the project
17	Terrace Park Estates Contact: Gary Greenlaw Inland Pacific Development 3200 Greenmoore Drive Santa Maria, CA 93455 (805) 937-5260	55 Small Lot Single Family homes South of Canada Lane and west of the SPRR PD/R-2 6.43 acres 117-130-30	Tract 5490 Tentative Map approved Grading plan, Final Map, and Annexes to placement

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18	Pioneer Manor II APN Subdivision Contact: Richard Bowal P.O. Box 2001 (805) 937-1000 Santa Maria, Ca 93456	66 Single Family Lots North of the Santa Maria Grove in an Santa Maria Way PD/R-1/S.SDD 10.07 acres 100-010-11	Tract 5496 Tentative Map approved
19	Plaza Subdivision Contact: Fred S. Schatz & Assoc. 324 W. Cutten Lane, Suite 104 Santa Maria, CA 93454 (805) 928-3432	171 2-Lot single family home Northeast corner of Clayton Lane and Thornburg Street PD/SDL-1 30.00 acres 117-200-09	Tract 5000 Tentative Map pending review
20	Hummingbird Subdivision Contact: Wayne Gelner 20075 Pawnee Blvd. SDSI-0 Oklahoma, CA 91300 (818) 704-0000	70 Small Lot single family homes Northeast Quarter of Court Street and Broadway PD/SDL-1 10.70 acres 120-060-01	5-08-20 (PD) Tract 5011 Tentative Map pending review
21	Hidden Plaza Contact: Jeff Harrah SDA 1306 Pismo Street San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 (805) 549-0050	136 Small lot single family Lots Northwest of Broadway Park and north of Hidden Plaza way PD/SDL-1 30.0 acres 117-020-03 and -04	5-08-24 (PD) Tract 5001 Tentative Map pending
22	Orchard Contact: Fred Sisk San Ysa Company 5290 Overpass Road Santa Barbara, CA (805) 886-8877	176 Single Family Dwellings Northwest corner of Battlewells Road and "A" St PD/R-1/S.SDD 42 acres 117-300-09 -04, -05 (part), -03	Tract 5010 Tentative Map pending
23	Oso Plata Homes Landmark Partnership 9990 Santa Rosa Road Portland, CA 97227 (805) 988-3044	13 P.U.D. Lots 644 S. Pandora Drive. PD/R-2 1.7 acres 128-070-28	Tract 5177 Final Map Recorded Under Construction
24	Sierra Summit Contact: Montecito Colorado 1200 Chestnut Drive Santa Barbara, CA (805) 966-2000	100 condominium units 200 S. Conn PD/R-3 4.00 acres 120-090-02, -04, -05	5-08-06 (PD) 72 condominium units (Phases I and II) under construction

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25	Los Palmas Contact: Fred Sisk San Ysa Company 5290 Overpass Road Santa Barbara, CA (805) 886-8877	138 apartment units Northwest corner of Tunner (extended) and Miller PD/R-2 5.00 acres 120-070-02	5-07-06 (PD) Under Construction Tentative Map approved for Tract 5030 to create condo units
26	5-08-12 Ernest Gundon Contact: Don Marianno Marianno & Associates 2600 Professional Parkway, #200 Santa Maria, Ca 93455 (805) 934-0737	24 condominium units 330-360 East Barbara R-3 2 acres 120-070-30 and -29	Tract 5048 Application pending Planning Commission review
27	Desert Sunset Contact: Janet Culverton Ghirlo Enterprises P.O. Box 6458 Santa Barbara, CA 93160 (805) 963-8791	204 apartment units 1720 South Depot, 400-600 blocks of West Santa Lucia PD/R-3 10.7 acres 117-230-09	5-08-20 (PD) Planned development permit approved In placement Planned Development time extension to 12/10/90
28	Stone Street Apartments Contact: Gil Palomino Gail. Barlow, Church Architects 1010 East Main Street Santa Maria, Ca 93454 925-9421	84 apartment units SW corner of Santa Fe and Northern Avenue PD/R-3 5.16 acres 117-020-03	5-08-21 (PD) Pending GP/Z Amendment to be reviewed by the City Council
29	Shields Apartments Contact: Dana Shields 1000 S. Broadway, Suite B Santa Maria, Ca (805) 928-3316	12 apartments .535 S. Broadway R-3 30,780 sq. ft. 112-050-09	5-08-21 Pending Planning Commission review
30	Hallmark Estates Homes Contact: Thomas G. Sherwood Jeffrey G. Thomas, Inc. 11766 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1200 Los Angeles, Ca 90025 (213) 479-1200	150 senior apartments Northeast corner of Plaza and Fairlea PD/PRD 5.00 acres 120-020-47	5-08-08 (PD) Approved by Planning Commission
31	Dalton Avenue Senior Apartments Contact: Martha Pennebaker Multi-Fund Small Estate Group 316 W. Haley Street Santa Barbara, Ca 93101 (805) 966-1000	140 senior apartments Northwest Northeast corner of Dalton Avenue and Goodwin Way PD/R-3 4.00 acres 115-140-23 -24	5-08-13 (PD) Approved by Planning Commission

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08. 1-. 90 03:12PM -HQ SSD LAAFB P.11

The following persons have completed the steps necessary to annex the South Santa General Plan and Zoning Map.

	Approved Project	Zone Change/Acreage/ # of Additional Units	Status
A	Tentative Parcel/Subparcel/ Subsurface General Plan Amendment 00-00-10, 2-00-97 Applicant: Maxwell Plantation & Associates 201 S. Broadway, Suite 1-B Santa Maria, CA 93454 (805) 925-6000	Mixed Density Residential, Acreage 10 Units/Acre PD/R-3 North side of West Betty, west of Bonita 10.2 acres 111-060-10, 18, portion 10, 21, 30, 31 and portion 28	General Plan amendment approved Tentative 100 Units
B	Dana Properties/Plaza Christian Church 00-07-08, 2-07-13 Applicant: Dave Williams 307 S. Mill Street Santa Maria, CA 93454 (805) 929-0000	PD/CRO Maximum 25 units per acre North of Battles Road and west of Bradley Road 2.00 acres 120-000-26	General Plan amendment approved Tentative 500 square feet commercial
C	Waugh, Engel & Stay 00-00-10, 2-00-94 Applicant: Don Waugh 3600 Professional Parkway Santa Maria, CA 93455 (805) 937-0564	PD/R-3 High Density Residential 17 units/acre East of Santa Maria Valley Railroad and north of Betteravia Road 14.30 more portion 117-330-15 (portion). 117-340-01 (portion). 117-340-02, -03, -04	General Plan amendment approved Tentative 244 units
D	Steve Shiver 00-00-17, 2-00-94 Applicant: Gordon Gill & Associates 1060 E. Stowell, Suite C Santa Maria, CA 93454 (805) 928-9466	PD/R3-1 8 units/acre Northwest corner of Mill Street and Shaw Road 1.01 acres 128-060-20 and -34	General Plan amendment approved Tentative 10 units
E	00-00-19, 2-00-97 Applicant: Penny Goldinger JDF Partners, L.P. P.O. Box 600 Santa Ynez, CA 93460-0600 (805) 688-3000	PD/SDL-1 8 units/acre Lot 3 of Tract 2041 near the SE corner of Betteravia and Miller 7.05 acres 128-020-35 (portion)	General Plan amendment approved Tentative 56 units
	TOTAL:	69.76 acres Maximum 1,170 residential units	

DOCUMENT 22

754 N. Main
Elsegundo,
Calif. 90245

Lt. Col. Tom Bartel,

I am sending another piece out of the Daily Breeze... I have and many thoughts, too. I have talked to some of the people I know who work at the Base & they want to leave. They say the traffic, the smog, the high cost of living & crime scare too much... for them.

P. L. Hunt

15.8

Attachment to Document 22

Would relocating to Segundo's base be such a bad thing?

DOCUMENT 23

CITY OF MORENO VALLEY

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August 10, 1990

Lt. Col Tom Bartel
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6446

Subject: Comments on Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AFB, CA and Relocation of Space Systems Division

Dear Mr. Bartel:

The Planning Department has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the closure of Los Angeles AFB and relocation of Space Systems Division (SSD) and offers the following comments:

1. The DEIS concludes that relocation of SSD to March Air Force Base would have a significant adverse effect on air quality. The basis for the conclusion given in the DEIS the is that relocation to March will produce increases in vehicular emissions. We believe that relocation to March AFB would not have a significant effect on air quality, but would actually have a beneficial effect as discussed in our letter to you dated April 3, 1990 (attached). While relocation to March would not reduce the number of vehicles within the South Coast Air Basin, it would reduce overall peak hour traffic congestion and travel time which is a major factor in vehicular emissions. The DEIS should be corrected to reflect the positive effects that relocation to March would have on air quality.

11.1

2. The DEIS indicates that relocation of SSD to March Air Force Base would have a significant adverse effect on biological resources, specifically the Stephens' kangaroo rat (SKR). The DEIS goes on to state that use of portions of March AFB is contingent upon U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approval of a mitigation plan in accordance with the Endangered Species Act.

13.2

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13.2 We believe that relocation of the SSD to March AFB would not have a significant effect on the SKR because the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has approved the aforementioned mitigation plan. The plan, known as the Habitat Conservation Plan, provides for the preservation of the species. The plan allows for a limited amount of incidental take of the animal which will be mitigated by the management of permanent habitat reserves for the species. As a result of approval and implementation of the Habitat Conservation Plan, relocation to March AFB may have a negative impact on the SKR, but the impact will be less than significant.

If you have questions, please call (714) 243-3200. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Specter
Associate Planner

Ronald L. Smith
Planning Director

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Attachment

c: Murray Warden
Cheryl Dye

Attachment to Document 23

People
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April 3, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
AFRCE - BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Subject: Relocation of HQ Space Systems Division (HQ SSD) to March AFB: Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

This is in response to the Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for the relocation of HQ Space Systems Division. The Planning Department offers the following comments for consideration in the EIS:

1. The Southern California region is known for its growing mobility problems. Relocation of HQ SSC from the job-rich Los Angeles area to the housing-rich vicinity around March AFB will reduce traffic congestion in the region. More people could live close to where they work and peak-hour commuting patterns would allow more efficient use of the existing transportation network. This is a goal of the Regional Mobility Plan adopted by the Southern California Association of Governments.

2. The automobile is a major cause of the air pollution problem in Southern California. Relocation of HQ SSC to March AFB will decrease overall commuting time and thus reduce the automobile's contribution to pollution. This would be consistent with the Air Quality Management Plan adopted by the Southern California Association of Governments.

3. The relocation of HQ SSD will affect the social well-being of current employees and their families. Some will be unable to relocate and will be out of a job. Spouses who must relocate may become unemployed or underemployed. Many of the affected families have personal ties to the March AFB region, including close friends, parents, children and other loved ones. The farther the relocation, the greater the social disruption. Relocation of HQ SSD to March AFB can be expected to create a relatively low level of impact in terms of social disruption.

Attachment to Document 23

In summary, relocation of HQ SSC at March AFB would (a) contribute to improvement of the region's jobs/housing balance, (b) reduce regional congestion and improve mobility, (c) improve air quality, and (d) minimize social disruption resulting from relocation of the facility. As such, we suggest relocation to March AFB is the environmentally preferred alternative and should be identified as such in the EIS.

The Planning Department appreciates this opportunity to comment on the project. If you have questions, please call 714 243-3200.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Specter
Associate Planner

Ronald L. Smith
Planning Director

c: D. Dixon

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9 Aug 90

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, Ca 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed Air Force buildup at Vandenberg that would result in moving large numbers of people into the central California coast region. 15.7

We in the Santa Maria area are extremely concerned about the current water problems and shortages. We are currently on voluntary water rationing because of an over drafted and polluted aquafer. If the present drought continues another year, water rationing will become mandatory. We are also concerned about the impacts caused by increased traffic and over loading our already crowded school system. Having once lived in the other prospective geographical locations chosen by the Air Force in Colorado and New Mexico, it is obvious to me (and them from their response) that they can easily mitigate the impacts created by the sudden arrival of large numbers of people.

All of the my neighbors in the Orcutt area (that don't work on the base) feel strongly about the concerns that I've expressed. We do not want to be overrun by large numbers of people and the problems they will bring. Please move your operations elsewhere.

Sincerely,

Greg Perez
306 Harwell
Orcutt, Ca 93455

DOCUMENT 25

HACIENDA

August 9, 1990

Lt. Colonel Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE - BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Colonel Bartol:

On behalf of the Hacienda Motel's officers, staff and employees, I am writing this letter to express our deep concern over the potential closure of the Los Angeles Air Force Base in El Segundo.

For many years, directly and indirectly, the Los Angeles Air Force Base has been a substantial source of business for the Motel. Its closure would be devastating to the Motel and the local economy in general.

It's uncertain how the closure would affect the major aerospace companies in our immediate area, but I would venture to say that it would be in a dramatically negative way, which in turn would affect our hotel even more.

Some of our two hundred and fifty plus employees would most likely face layoffs, contributing to the already high unemployment in the area and its downward economic condition.

I understand that one of the primary concerns the Air Force has is the lack of available low income housing in the area. Aware of this situation, we at the Hacienda do our part by discounting the rates of our six hundred and forty rooms to all military and government personnel to levels well below the allowable daily government per diem. Presently, these rates are single occupancy $55; double occupancy $63.

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Lt. Colonel Tom Bartol
AFRCE - BMS/DEP
Norton AFB

Lt. Colonel Bartol, we are truly concerned about the potential closure of the L.A. Base and we trust that the thoughts expressed in this letter in some way will positively affect the Air Force's decision and keep the Base in El Segundo. 15.2

Yours truly,

Frank A. Gadey, Jr.
Vice President Operations

cc: Congressman Hal Lovins
Lt. Col. Ron McCallum

DOCUMENT 26

August 9, 1990

Mr. Gary Hart
18th Senatorial District
1216 State Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Mr. Hart:

Where were you on March 27, 1990? Whatever you were doing, I hope it was as important to the health and welfare of our Santa Maria and Lompoc communities as the Air Force "Scoping meeting" held in Lompoc was that evening. That meeting was held to identify environmental impact information to be used in determining if Air Force units should be moved from the Los Angeles area to Vandenberg AFB, or other sites around the country.

There was so little interest shown in this "scoping meeting" and so few in attendance that the Air Force called the Lompoc meeting a "non-event." How can Santa Barbara county, Lompoc and Santa Maria be so shortsighted as to let this opportunity slip through our fingers? The opportunity to pull all or part of thousands of jobs and an annual payroll of more than half a billion dollars to the Lompoc - Santa Maria area is something many communities work long and hard and at great cost to achieve. We could have done it with very little cost or effort. All we had to do was show that they were welcome. Well, certainly we were not a "shoe-in" but unless the county and our two cities turn our perceived attitude around, we will certainly be a "shoe-out".

On August 20, 1990 at 7 P.M., the Air Force will again be at Cabrillo High School in Lompoc to receive further comments from the public regarding the draft environmental impact statement. If you believe as I do that moving Air Force units from the L.A. area to Vandenberg AFB is good for Lompoc, Santa Maria and the North County, come out and lend us your support. Also, ask your friends who agree to come along. 15.10

Very sincerely,

Barbara Lonius
4471 Titan
Lompoc, CA 93436

Cy to:
Col Bartol
Diane Owens

Attachment to Document 26

OPINION

Editorials

County blows off VAFB chance

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DOCUMENT 27

Betty V. Dykes Dean
561 Hartnell Road
Orcutt, California 93455
805-934-1114

AUGUST 5, 1990

DEAR SIR:

THE PEOPLE IN AND AROUND SANTA MARIA ARE A "HOME-SPUN", FRIENDLY SORT WHO WOULD BE PLEASED TO PUT OUT THE WELCOME MAT FOR ADDITIONAL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL. THERE IS AN ABUNDANCE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING HERE.

SANTA MARIA IS A GREAT LITTLE CITY ON THE MOVE, WILLING AND ABLE TO EXPAND. THE LOCATION, JUST 20 MINUTES NORTH OF VANDENBERG AFB, IS IDEAL; THE WEATHER, THE VERY BEST IN CALIFORNIA.

ORCUTT SCHOOL DISTRICT IS OUTSTANDING; ALL SERVICES AND SHOPPING EASILY AVAILABLE. WE CAME TO ORCUTT AS THE BEST CHOICE OF A NEW HOME AND MADE AN EXCELLENT CHOICE.

AIR FORCE PEOPLE ARE NICE PEOPLE, DESIREABLE PEOPLE IN ANY NEIGHBORHOOD; ALL OF SANTA MARIA WOULD REJOICE SHOULD THEY BE CHOSEN FOR RELOCATED AIR FORCE FAMILIES. 15.10

FORGIVE SOME INEPT PUBLIC RELATIONS EFFORTS; OUR LACK OF SOPHISTICATION IS ONE OF OUR CHARMS.

RESPECTFULLY

Betty V. Dykes Dean

DOCUMENT 28

C HUSETH
121 CORAL ST.
PISMO BEACH, CA 93449

August 7, 1990

Sir:

I understand a decision has not been made, at this date, regarding the re-location of Space Systems Division.

As a home-owner and tax payer of the Lompoc area I wish to go on record as a full suppo.ter of the Vandenberg Air Force Base as your location site for Space Systems. 15.10

Most of the North County is in favor of the opportunities this would bring to the area.

The Santa Maria Times newspaper ran an editorial, August 8th, on this subject and encouraged it's readers to add our support in a letter to you.

Please re-consider this desirable location for your Space Systems Division.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Huseth

P.S. My home is in the Mesa Circle area, Lompoc, Vandenberg Village

DOCUMENT 29

Mr. J.C. Picciuolo
4185 Vanguard Drive
Lompoc, CA 93436

Lt Col Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

7 August 1990

Dear Lt Col Bartol:

I have read with interest your Draft EIS, "Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base, California And Relocation Of Space Systems Division." I have three specific comments.

First, you significantly understate the overdraft from the Lompoc Upland Basin/Lompoc Plain Basin. You cite (p. 3.3-20) 5000 acre-feet per year. The most recent figure (for 1988-89) is 6740 acre-feet per year, according to the "12th Annual Engineering Survey and Report on Water Supply Conditions of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District 1989-90," dated June 1, 1990. The report is available from Stetson Engineers Inc., 3104 East Garvey Avenue, West Covina, CA 91791 (818-967-6202). This document is not in your reference list -- I urge you to procure a copy and use its figures in your EIS. It is likely that the overdraft will worsen in 1989-90 and coming years; urban Lompoc is rapidly developing and we are still in a protracted drought. 10.1

Second, you suggest (p. 4.3-19) that Phase II of the Coastal Aqueduct will mitigate direct and indirect impacts of the proposed action and alternatives. Unless you can predict the political will of the voters, you should not make such an assertion. The Coastal Aqueduct will not come into the region unless bonds for its construction are approved in local elections. There is now much sentiment against population growth that the Coastal Aqueduct will undoubtedly bring. 10.2

Finally, I urge you to heed what Santa Barbara County authorities tell you. If they say the region will be unacceptably damaged by the project, then they are probably right. They are our local experts. Further, they are our elected representatives and reflect the views of the majority who voted.

Sincerely,

DOCUMENT 30

San Pedro Peninsula
Chamber of Commerce

August 24, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director of Programs and
Environmental Divir on
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Col. Bartol:

On behalf of the San Pedro Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to present our review of your study, "Local Economic Consequences of Closing Los Angeles AFB." 4.12

It is our belief that this document is seriously flawed. This is most likely the result of the generic modeling program used, which we do not believe can be applied (as stated on page 2-1) to Los Angeles the same as it can to other areas of the country.

According to L.A. County statistics (which measure a 80-mile circle as compared to this study's 50 miles), Los Angeles possesses the 12th greatest gross product in the world if it were considered a nation. Using the same model for a metropolitan area of this magnitude as for isolated rural areas does not make sense. Thus, it is easy to see how the study concluded that a base closure would have an insignificant impact of only 0.2 percent on the Economic Impact Region. A much more accurate model would have been to assess the impact on the South Bay, with its 1.2 million residents. Granted, there are employees at the base who do not reside in the South Bay, but their numbers do not justify basing the study's impact area on the entire metropolitan region of Los Angeles.

Even the portion of the study that addresses the neighboring communities seriously underestimates the impact of base closure on the South Bay. Perhaps the greatest potential question is how the closure would affect our aerospace industry. A move from this area would likely result in the eventual relocation of this important industry from the South Bay. A recent announcement that Hughes is evaluating whether to relocate its 1,200-employee Torrance electron dynamics division to Colorado or New Mexico bears this out.

Whereas aerospace may not be the "lynchpin of the Los Angeles area economy" (page 1-6), it is the lynchpin of the South Bay. To date this year, local aerospace firms have announced outbreaks of more than 17,000 employees. This is substantially greater than the 10,000 employee loss forecast by the study (page 1-6).

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McDonnell Douglas has announced 9,000 of these layoffs, a sharp contrast from the study's prediction (page 1-6) that the company would be adding employees.

We have also witnessed a sharp downturn in the South Bay real estate market. The loss of jobs and uncertainty in the aerospace industry have aggravated the situation. The statement on page 3-2 that "the median time a home spends on the market has decreased" is incorrect. Realtors in San Pedro tell us homes that were selling a year ago in two weeks now are taking up to 120 days to move, and the trend is similar throughout the South Bay.

Likewise, the assertion on page 3-3 that the South Bay fared reasonably well on the absorption of office space is also incorrect. The South Bay is one of the softest office markets in the entire Los Angeles region. The amount of office space leased in the South Bay declined 53.2 percent in the first six months of 1990, compared to a year ago. In the second quarter, we have had negative absorption, with 113,800 more sq. ft. going on the block than was leased. Currently 4.9 million sq. ft. of commercial office space is available in the South Bay. This does not even reflect the 338,000 sq. ft. of sublease space that has gone on the market due to the aerospace slump. Clearly, the four million sq. ft. of office space (page 3-4) projected to be vacated if the base closes would substantially impact our office market.

The statement on page 3-5 that the closure would have little impact on our schools does not take into account how San Pedro would be affected. The Air Force families' children have been a very positive asset to our local schools. We understand that these students have generally been in the upper sector of their classes and have been a good influence with their classmates. To remove them now would be disruptive and would likely lead to additional busing of students from out of the area into our local schools - a cost estimated to be as much as $1-million annually. In addition, the school district would lose the approximately $400,000 paid to it annually by the government as an in lieu of taxes contribution for the education of the Air Force youngsters.

Another option addressed on page 4-4 is the possibility of selling the 374 Air Force housing units in San Pedro as a means to obtain revenue to offset the cost of the base closure. Aside from the questions that would be raised about the future of historically designated portions of the fort, this possibility ignores the claim the Navy would have on the housing for their own needs. Since the Defense Department apparently is considering this base closure because of a shortage of housing in this region for military personnel, it would seem strange to entertain the notion of selling the housing it already owns.

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Finally, there is no discussion in the report of the cost of relocating the base. Congressman Mel Levine has noted conservative estimates placing the cost at over $1 billion. The aerospace facilities alone are estimated to cost $400-million to replace. Feasibility studies of closure have been conducted in the past. The result has always been a determination that the base closure would not be cost effective.

It is our belief the tremendous cost of relocation and the disruption of the South Bay economy do not warrant this move. We urge the Defense Department to reconsider the proposal to close Los Angeles Air Force Base.

Sincerely,

Gary Gordon
President

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Attachment to Document 30

SPECIAL REPORT - COASTAL CITIES

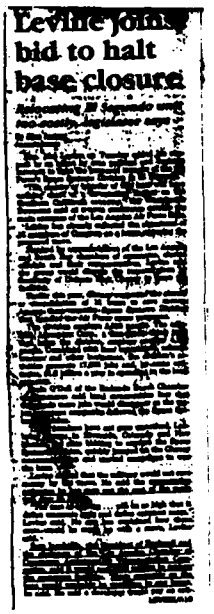
Aerospace cutbacks send tremors through region

Officials hope company cutbacks don't become a trend

Attachment to Document 30

Market: Commercial space continues slump

Attachment to Document 30



Levine joins bid to halt base closure

Levine FROM PAGE A3

DOCUMENT 31

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

August 23, 1990

Thomas J. Bartol, Lt. Col., USAF
Director
Programs and Environmental Division
Regional Civil Engineer - Ballistic Missile Support
Norton Air Force Base, California 92409

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

It is my understanding that the U.S. Air Force is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) regarding the proposed relocation of Headquarters Space Systems Division (HQ SSD) from Los Angeles AFB to Peterson AFB or Falcon AFB in Colorado.

My office has been notified of the support of the Colorado Division of Aviation and the Colorado Aeronautical Board for the relocation. During the Air Force's completion of the EIS and other activities involved in the relocation decision, I would appreciate your consideration of their support for the move.

15.10

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Hank Brown
Member of Congress

HB/jac

DOCUMENT 32

Would relocating El Segundo's base be such a bad thing?

Yes

15.10

Relocating FROM PAGE A1

DOCUMENT 33

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: August 29, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and
Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

File: SB-001-N29.9
Proposed Relocation
of Personnel to
VAFB DEIR

Subject: Intergovernmental Review

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

Caltrans District 5 staff has reviewed the above-referenced document. The following comments were generated as a result of the review:

The relocation of personnel from the closure of the Los Angeles AFB to Vandenberg AFB, depending upon the magnitude, could seriously effect State highway facilities. Traffic impacts could be severe along the four routes that currently access the Lompoc/Vandenberg AFB area. These four routes are listed below.

1. Route 1, from Gaviota north through Lompoc to Vandenberg AFB.
2. Route 246, from Buellton west to Purisima Road and then joining Route 1 to Vandenberg AFB.
3. Route 135, from Los Alamos west to San Antonio Road and then joining Route 1 to Vandenberg AFB.
4. Route 135, from Santa Maria south to Route 1 and then to Vandenberg AFB.

6.5

For the above reasons, a detailed traffic study is needed in order to ascertain both traffic impacts and mitigation.

Please send us a copy of the Final Environmental Impact Report when it is available. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Lt. Col. Bartol
August 29, 1990
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If you have any questions, please contact me at (805) 549-3139.

A. C. Carlton
District 5
Senior Transportation Planner

DOCUMENT 34

Written Comment Sheet

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base And Relocation of Space Systems Division

Vandenberg AFB

This town needs some good news; and the prospect of the Air Force Systems Command is just the ticket.

The proximity of the Command at V.A.F.B. will raise morale on the base and among the civilian contractors. I am convinced the appearance, quality, and the mission as a whole will dramatically improve if the change is made.

The System Division will be well received by the community. We are a centrally located All - American city, with reasonable homes and service prices. Our community education and recreation facilities are excellent.

We are historically close to the space mission and the Air Force. Your presence will be good for our town, and our town will respond to your needs with a friendly atmosphere and an experienced work pool.

15.10

- Thank You For Your Comments -

Name Gary J. Dunlap, Attorney At Law

Address 100 SOUTH "H" STREET, LOMPOC, CA. 93436
Street Address City/ State / Zip Code

Please hand this form in or mail to: Director
Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base CA 92409-6448

DOCUMENT 35

CITY OF LOMPOC
VALLEY OF FLOWERS

August 28, 1990

Lt. Colonel Tom Bartol
Director, Programs, and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Re: Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base and relocation of the Space Systems Division and Supporting Units to Vandenberg Air Force Base

Dear Lt. Colonel Bartol:

The City has served and supported Vandenberg since its establishment over 30 years ago and we are prepared to assist in supporting additional housing and service needs which will be created by the relocation of personnel and supporting industries to Vandenberg Air Force Base.

The City's present population is 33,844 with an additional 20,000 in the surrounding County unincorporated area. The number of residential dwelling units in the City currently totals 12,707 with an additional 6,551 in the County unincorporated area for a Lompoc Valley total of 19,258. Additional dwelling units under construction, in planning, plus vacant land capacity in the City totals 1,799. Within the residentially zoned Lompoc Valley, unincorporated area there is capability of providing an additional 2,200 units or a total of 3,999 residential dwelling units within the Lompoc area. Utility services provided by the City include electric with a current peak demand of 23 MW (megawatts) and an installed system capacity of 50 MW. The City owns and operates a modern Wastewater Treatment Plant which also serves VAFB. The plant has a system capacity of 5 MGD (million gallons per day) expandable to 10 MGD. The average daily flow is currently 3.3 MGD. An increase of 30 percent would still leave a 0.7 MGD reserve without an expansion. Solid waste disposal service is provided by twice per week automated pickup and a recycling program. The City also operates a Class 3 landfill with an estimated additional 30 to 50 year capacity. Water service is provided through a Water Treatment Plant with a system capacity of 6 MGD. The system is expandable and designed to handle a peak flow of 14 MGD. Current average daily flow is 4.9 MGD.

The City does have a need for a supplemental water supply. Alternative sources are presently being considered and a decision is expected to be made next year.

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Lt. Colonel Tom Bartol
August 28, 1990
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The City and surrounding Central Coast area provides an outstanding living environment for personnel and employees who would reside here, as well as excellent recreation areas.

We believe that an analysis of existing and planned housing areas, services and facilities available and a quality living environment supports the selection of Vandenberg Air Force Base as the number one alternative site for the relocation of Headquarters Space Systems Division and supporting units.

15.10

The City of Lompoc has maintained a long term commitment of supporting the United States Air Force mission at Vandenberg Air Force Base and we look forward to working with Air Force officials in accomplishing the proposed relocation.

Sincerely,

Gene L. Wahlers
City Administrator

cc: Lt. General Donald Cromer
Major General Arlen Jameson

DOCUMENT 35

CITY OF LOMPOC

August 28, 1990

Lt. Colonel Tom Bartol
Director, Programs, and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Re: Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base and relocation of the Space Systems Division and Supporting Units to Vandenberg Air Force Base

Dear Lt. Colonel Bartol:

At the time that the space shuttle program at Vandenberg was suspended following the Challenger accident, I personally along with the Mayor and City Administrator and other community leaders went to Washington DC to obtain support from the Department of Defense and Congressional Representatives for locating the Fifth Orbiter Construction Program at Vandenberg AFB. Although not successful in this effort, it was indicated that other programs were expected to be considered in the future for Vandenberg AFB. With the loss of over 5,000 jobs at Vandenberg the economic impact upon the City of Lompoc has been greater than anticipated. We think that the future is now and that it is timely and appropriate to consider locating additional programs and personnel at Vandenberg.

The City of Lompoc has for many years supported Air Force programs by providing adequate housing, utilities and services to meet the needs of an ever changing military program and mission at Vandenberg. We have an outstanding relationship with Vandenberg AFB and we are proud of the heritage that Vandenberg shares with our community.

15.10 We believe that Lompoc and surrounding communities have the capability to provide necessary housing and other services and we urge your favorable consideration and support of a decision to select Vandenberg Air Force Base as the site for the proposed program relocations.

Sincerely,

J. D. Smith, Councilmember
City of Lompoc

cc: Lt. General Donald Cromer
Major General Arlen Jameson

CITY HALL, 100 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, P.O. BOX 8001, LOMPOC, CA 93438-8001
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CITY OF LOMPOC

August 28, 1990

Lt. Colonel Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Colonel Bartol:

Attached is a Resolution of the City Council from the City of Lompoc, California in support of the relocation of additional programs and personnel to Vandenberg Air Force Base. As stated in the Resolution, the City of Lompoc assures the United States Air Force of our full cooperation in this endeavor. 15.10

Sincerely,

Marvin D. Loney, Mayor
City of Lompoc

cc: Lt. General Donald Cromer
Major General Arlen Jameson

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CERTIFIED COPY

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMPOC
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMPOC ASSURING MILITARY AND CIVILIAN STAFF AT THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE OF LOMPOC'S COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE MISSION. RES. 5889(90)

I, Maureen Bowking, City Clerk of the City of Lompoc, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, do hereby certify that the following resolution, proposed by Councilmember J.D. Smith, seconded by Councilmember Joe Valencia, was duly passed and adopted by the council of the City of Lompoc at a regular meeting thereof assembled this 21st day of August, 19 90, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: Councilmember: William Mullins, J.D. Smith, Joe Valencia, Mayor Marvin D. Loney
NOES: Councilmember: None
ABSENT: Councilmember: None

(S E A L) Maureen Bowking, City Clerk, City of Lompoc
By: Jane C. Green, Deputy City Clerk

WHEREAS, the United States Air Force is considering relocating additional Air Force activities to Vandenberg Air Force Base; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Lompoc Valley have a long-term history of supporting the VAFB mission; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Lompoc has suffered economically from loss of over 5,000 jobs at Vandenberg Air Force Base due to the cancellation of the Space Shuttle Program at Vandenberg; and,

WHEREAS, Lompoc has a continuing commitment to providing services to employees of Vandenberg Air Force Base; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Lompoc has adequate planned utility services to support existing and future population; and,

WHEREAS, Lompoc offers an outstanding quality of life and recreation amenities; and,

WHEREAS, adequate housing resources are available in Lompoc and surrounding communities at affordable prices to serve additional residents; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Lompoc does hereby resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. It is in the best interest of the citizens of Lompoc that additional Air Force personnel and related civilian employees be assigned to Vandenberg Air Force Base to compensate for the loss of over 5,000 jobs during the past three years.

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Resolution No. 3889(90)
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SECTION 2. The City of Lompoc assures the United States Air Force of our full cooperation and assistance in the relocation of additional personnel to Vandenberg Air Force Base.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of August, 1990.

Marvin D. Loney, Mayor, City of Lompoc

ATTEST:

Maureen Bowking, City of Lompoc
By: Jane C. Green, Deputy City Clerk

DOCUMENT 36

COKER ELLSWORTH INC
Real Estate Broker & Counselor

August 29, 1990

LT. COL. TOM BARTOL
Director of Programs and
Environmental, AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base
California, 92409-6448

Dear Sear:

I attended the public meeting in Lompoc last night in regard to the relocation of SSD to Vandenberg AFB. It seemed very apparent by listening to the public testimony that our community is in favor of the relocation.

I would like to address the issue as a developer in the local area. I am sure that the availability of housing is an important consideration in your decision. I would like to outline some of the projects we are currently involved in.

In the City of Lompoc, we have 2 projects. We are in the construction phase of 37 homes, known as Foothill Estates. These new 2 and 3 bedroom homes will be priced starting at $119,000. In addition, we have just completed the offsite improvements on Lompoc Villas, which will consist of 176 units. If we decide to build the homes, we believe that our starting prices will be $82,000.

You are probably aware that the City of Santa Maria is currently considering one of the largest annexations in the State of California. We are currently in control of 320 acres in Area 7, which is being considered for annexation. We have very favorable political support. We envision a build out within 5-10 years consisting of approximately 1,900 homes. In return for immediate annexation, we are offering the City that 25% of our homes will be especially affordable and that we will market these homes to local residents. We are planning on selling these homes for $100,000, based on todays costs. These would provide a great opportunity for your people to purchase affordable housing.

15.10 As you are aware, the Lompoc and Santa Maria Valley is a very desirable area in which to live. I believe with proper planning and taking the required mitigating measures in regard to the environmental concerns that our community and SSD can be an important asset to each other.

Sincerely,

COKER ELLSWORTH

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DOCUMENT 37

Written Comment Sheet

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base And Relocation of Space Systems Division

Vandenberg AFB

I would very much like to see the relocation of SSD to Vandenberg AFB. Those of us who have lived in the local community for many years (many over 30+) want to see the community grow. My primary reason is I'd like to see my children be able to stay in the area. If this can be done perhaps they won't be forced to move to a large metropolitan area.

15.10

Secondly as regards the EIR I'd like to see a vote of how many people feel we have given up a few hundred acres of the "Gato-Ranch" Proposal. Personally I feel we have plenty of land and that another airport is not a good hazard to my home & peace of mind "children".

If indeed some extra land is required I like we could find a way to preserve this community base.

Water would be my main concern. I understand that the City of Santa Ynez has a need for more water & wants to accumulate more people. Thank You For Your Comments.

Name Cody Cooke

Address 6316 W. Willow Lompoc CA. 93436
Street Address City / State / Zip Code

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Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base CA 92409-6448

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754 N. Main
Elsinore,
Calif. 92345

Lt. Col. Bartol,

15.2 I saw a copy of a piece out of The Daily Bread which is in my mailbox too. All of you [illegible] from these brochures [illegible] City Council & the Calif. Congressmen are now [illegible] Money they will [illegible] MX & had the [illegible] among the Congregation, the [illegible] rents & buying a [illegible] home. All they [illegible] about in this project [illegible] were paying for [illegible] high cost. Good [illegible] could move. We did [illegible] alright without the Air [illegible] Force Base before the

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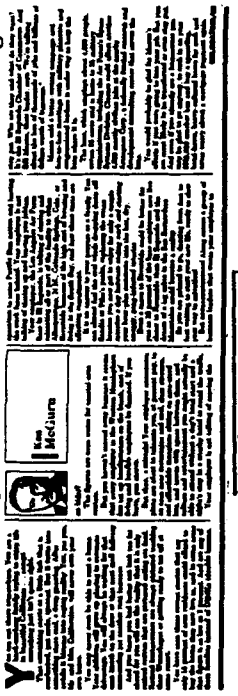
Santa had plenty of work, the surrounding Area real well, & no congestion. It won't take too much away in the line of business, etc.

Phil Hunt

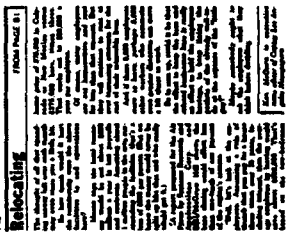
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Would relocating El Segundo's base be such a bad thing?

Yes



Relocating



DOCUMENT 39

Written Comment Sheet

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base And Relocation of Space Systems Division

Los Angeles AFB

The Draft statement did not consider the impact on the Aerospace Corporation personnel critical. The product of Aerospace is the experience, education and associated capabilities of its employees. If the relocation occurs, at least the long term experienced personnel will not move, requiring the company to hire new people to support the Air Force. Much of the "Corporate Knowledge" will be lost, as was the case when TRW moved from Redondo Beach, CA to Boulder, Co. The Defense Support Program (DSP) contract recently moved this way and has still not fully recovered. All programs will suffer if the USAFR and Aerospace Corporation are relocated. 1.3

- Thank You For Your Comments -

Name Rodney E. Barstead

Address 2611 W. 15th Place Torrance CA 90504
Street Address City/ State/ Zip Code

Please hand this form in or mail to: Director
Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base CA 92409-6448

DOCUMENT 40

HACIENDA

August 29, 1990

Ms. Dominique Cay
Executive Director
EL SEGUNDO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 545
El Segundo, CA 90245

Dear Dominique:

15.2 Enclosed are petition forms signed by employees of the Hacienda Hotel requesting your assistance in efforts to close or relocate the United States Air Force Space Station in El Segundo. You will note there are signatures on both sides of some of the sheets.

As we discussed with Karen Ackland and other members of the El Segundo Chamber of Commerce and staff, our employees feel strongly that such a move or relocation would have a devastating impact on their job and family.

We would appreciate your sending these signed petition forms to Representative Mel Levine so that he may use all efforts to protect our area.

Best regards,

Penny Standerfer
Executive Director of Sales

PS/cm
Encl.

cc: Lt. Col. Tom Bartel
United States Air Force
Norton AFB, CA

[illegible] El Segundo, California 90245
[illegible] (213) 322-1994 • TELEX# 183361

Attachment to Document 40

Petition to Sen. Alan Cranston and Rep. Mel Levine

We, the undersigned, strongly urge you to resist any efforts to close or relocate the United States Air Force's Space Station in El Segundo, Ca. Such a move or relocation would have a devastating impact on our employer, and ultimately on our jobs and families. Please do all you can to protect our area's already-flagging economy. And keep working to help us keep working.

Printed Name	Signature	City	Date
[illegible]	[illegible]	Torrance	8-17-90
[illegible]	[illegible]	Torrance	8-17-90
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[illegible]	[illegible]	Huntington Park	8-17-90
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8-17-90
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[illegible]	[illegible]	Long Beach	8-17-90
[illegible]	[illegible]	Lomita	8-17-90
[illegible]	[illegible]	Lomita	8-17-90

cc: Lt.Col. Tom Bartel, United States Air Force, Norton AFB, Ca.

Attachment includes similar petitions sign by a total of 138 individuals.

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COALITION

CHAMBERS

August 30, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Col. Bartol,

We have reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Study regarding the possible relocation of the Ballistic Missile Organization to be located in conjunction with the relocation of the Space Systems Division.

4.12 We represent a Coalition of 12 Chambers of Commerce that generally surround Norton Air Force Base and the Ballistic Missile Organization. It is our opinion that the draft is seriously flawed! To have taken a 50 mile radius for the impact of the Ballistic Missile Organization doesn't make sense! If you take a quick survey of those currently employed at BMO, you'll find that the greatest majority of the people live within a 15 mile radius. There is a major boundary difference between San Bernardino County and parts of Orange and Los Angeles Counties which are partially included in the Study and therefore skew the results.

We believe that a much smaller radius, such as 15 miles, for the BMO impact should be used. It is our considered opinion that over 85% of the closure impact would be felt within the Communities served by our organization!

This is not the case with the Space Systems Division! We have conducted a survey of existing employees and find that almost 50% of the current work force lives East of the 605 Freeway because of the much lower housing costs. Those people would have a much shorter commute to Norton Air Force Base than to El Segundo! Even those living West of the 605 would find they would be traveling against traffic and could still commute to Norton.

If they chose to move, in almost every case they would be able to sell their homes in the West Los Angeles area and move to equal or better housing for less money near Norton Air Force Base.

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We believe that the best move with the least impact on the Space System Employees, the Aerospace Industry, the Air Force, and all of Southern California would be to have the Space and the Ballistic Missile Organization remain where it is at Norton. If the BMO has to move then by moving it to March the current employees, and the Aerospace Industries that have located nearby would not have to move in that March is only 16 miles away! 15.10

It is our opinion that the least impact on the local communities, the employees of SSD and BMO, the Industries that have grown up to support these organization, and Southern California is to locate SSD at March Air Force Base and leave BMO where it is!

Sincerely,

President

DOCUMENT 42

GEORGE E. BROWN, JR.
[illegible]

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

30TH DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

August 29, 1990

Lt. Colonel Tom Bartol
Director of Programs and Environmental
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, California
92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

Below are included my written comments on the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the "Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AFB, California and Relocation of Space Systems Division."

1.4 While I believe that it is appropriate for the Air Force to study SSD for possible relocation from Los Angeles AFB, I also firmly believe that the Ballistic Missile Organization should remain right where it is: in beautiful San Bernardino. The 1988 Commission of Base Realignments and Closures stated that although Norton AFB should close, BMO should stay at its present site, adjacent to Norton. On pages 77 and 78 of its report, the Commission stated that "Because of the high cost of relocation and the functional requirement of the Ballistic Missile Office to remain in the local area, the Commission recommends it remain at Norton AFB." Those recommendations have the weight of law, as signed by President Reagan in P.L. 100-526.

I believe that any move of BMO from Norton, during the legal life of the Base Closure Commission's recommendations, would violate the Base Closure Commission law. The two major committees in the House of Representatives with direct jurisdiction over defense matters agree with me. I worked with both the House Armed Services Committee and Appropriations Committee this year to have language included into the fiscal year 1991 defense spending bills which, if ultimately signed into law, will keep BMO in San Bernardino.

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In addition to the legal reasons, there are also economic and operational reasons why I believe it is in the best interests of the Air Force to leave BMO right where it is. San Bernardino provides a location for BMO that is both within the scientific, commercial, and industrial heartland of Southern California and within a part of Southern California where the quality of life is high but housing costs are more affordable than many other areas. San Bernardino is also an area that has a long tradition of housing Air Force facilities and providing hospitality and support to those facilities and their personnel. As an indication of the depth of support in the entire Inland Empire for Air Force facilities, let me point out that 190 community leaders from the Inland Empire recently signed a letter to both the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Air Force calling upon DOD and the Air Force to keep BMO here and give strong consideration to bringing SSD to March AFB. 15.5

I want to now turn to the Environmental Impact Statement itself and offer a few comments that I would like the Air Force to consider in its final revision of the document.

First, I note that the EIS's estimate of the economic loss to the Inland Empire from any move of BMO is significantly lower than the estimate recently made in another draft report on BMO conducted for the Air Force by a consultant. That report, the Local Economic Consequences Study, estimated that if BMO moves away from the Inland Empire, our region would lose $344 million in income. The EIS estimated a loss of only $210 million in regional income. I request that the Air Force reconsider its estimate of the economic loss of moving BMO and make fully clear in the final EIS the basis, data, and sources of data by which its estimate is made. 4.11

Second, I note that on page 4.2-7 of the EIS, it is stated that another EIS will consider the cumulative economic effects that the closings of both Norton and George AFB's would have on the economic impact of any movement of BMO from San Bernardino. I request that the cumulative economic effects be included in this final EIS so that the full impacts of any move of BMO can be most accurately judged. I also request that the cumulative economic effects be assessed as precisely as possible and not merely through the use of anecdotal evidence. 4.13

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Finally, I see that the EIS concludes that a relocation of SSD to March would conform to the general recommendations of the South Coast Air Quality Management District that organizations locate outside the center of Los Angeles whenever possible in order to reduce long-commutes, traffic congestion, and resulting higher air pollution. However, notably absent from the EIS section on BMO was any reference to the positive environmental role that BMO plays in conforming to the Air Quality Management District's recommendation and the role BMO plays in correcting the jobs-housing imbalance in Southern California. The more than 2,500 direct and 6,000 indirect jobs associated with BMO, represent thousands of convenient, short, daily commutes for area residents. Short commutes help reduce air pollution. Thus, any closure of BMO would, instead of reducing air pollution in the Inland Empire, likely increase that pollution as BMO's former employees commute longer distances to new jobs outside our region. Longer commutes also have other social costs, such as creating a need for expensive transportation system construction and maintenance. There are also quality of life costs that can result from having parents spend more time on the road and less time with children and spouses. I thus request that the final EIS include a full assessment of the environmental costs that would result if the 2,500 employees of BMO lose their local jobs and have to start commuting to work outside the Inland Empire. 4.9

In conclusion, I believe that the recommendations of the 1988 Commission of Base Realignments and Closures, which were accepted by the Secretary of Defense and Congress, make it clear that BMO should stay at Norton. I also believe that economic fairness dictates that BMO should stay at Norton given the expected impact of base closings and realignments which the Inland Empire is already scheduled to experience. Last, and perhaps most importantly, there are significant benefits to the Air Force in keeping BMO at Norton and moving SSD to nearby March AFB.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

George E. Brown, Jr.
Member of Congress

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Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments
of New Mexico

317 Commercial N.E. Suite 300 • Albuquerque, NM 87102-3429 (505) 247-1750

August 28, 1990

Lt. Colonel Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

SUBJECT: Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AFB, California and Relocation of Space Systems Division

Dear Colonel Bartol:

This is in response to the notice of August 3, 1990 from Gary D. Vest, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force regarding the subject document.

As an association of local governments in and around the Albuquerque, New Mexico area, the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments (MRGCOG) is pleased that Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M. is being considered for the relocation of the Space Systems Division. The MRGCOG is an Economic Development District designated by the U.S. Department of Commerce and involved extensively with planning for the protection and use of our water resources in this area. The MRGCOG is concerned with comprehensive planning for development and therefore supportive of actions which are going to enhance the Albuquerque and surrounding areas.

The MRGCOG is also the metropolitan planning organization (MPO), under the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation, for the Albuquerque Urban Area. As such, we have reviewed the subject document with interest regarding the potential transportation impacts of relocating the Space Systems Division to Kirtland AFB, N.M.

We suggest that the assumptions related to the development of future year traffic volumes be listed so that the reader is aware of the basic circumstances for the potential development. We would also suggest that a more thorough discussion of the peak period traffic volumes be included, since that information would more truly represent the impact on the area. 6.4 6.6

An Association of General and Special Purpose Units of Local Government within New Mexico State Planning and Development District III

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Lt. Bartol -2- August 28, 1990

If there are any questions regarding our comments, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely yours,

Albert L. Pierce
Executive Director

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City of HIGHLAND Inc. 1987

August 29, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base, California 92409-6448

Re: Relocation of Ballistic Missile Organization (BMO)

Dear Colonel Bartol:

On behalf of the City of Highland, we wish to urge support for keeping the Ballistic Missile Organization at Norton Air Force Base. Our City represents a large number of Air Force and civilian employees who work in BMO. 15.5

The economic impact upon surrounding communities by the loss of BMO and the $210 million payroll and other dollars will be considerable. We can ill afford to lose some 8,700 direct and indirect jobs in addition to the loss of the employees. Further, the City of Highland is already anticipating the loss that will be felt when Norton Air Force Base closes and many of our residents will be leaving the area.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement states the purpose for the BMO relocation is for better Space Systems Division Management. The close proximity of BMO to SSD now, and especially if SSD relocates to March Air Force Base, would more than meet the needs and would result in significant cost savings to the Air Force.

The City of Highland has been a good neighbor and strong supporter of Norton Air Force Base for years. The community support has provided a high quality of life for Air Force personnel in terms of affordable housing, lower cost of living, and overall acceptance to the community.

We urge your favorable support for retaining the Ballistic Missile Organization at Norton Air Force Base.

Yours truly,

Laurie Tully
Mayor

DOCUMENT 45

1507 Twenty-third Street
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
August 30, 1990

Director
Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE - BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base, CA 92409-6488

REF: Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Proposed closure of the LA AFS and relocation of Space Systems Division

I attended the public hearing at El Segundo High School on August 27, 1990. The comments which I heard were directed only toward the economic losses to the community (Chamber of Commerce, private shop keepers, real estate agents, Business Council). Only one person spoke concerning the benefit of the AFS relocation and the Aerospace Company moving, when she reported on the amount of pollution that would be removed from the LA basin due to a significant reduction in the number of passengers who would no longer require flights out of LAX.

There are other far more serious and provocative considerations that need to be addressed. They have been repeated many times over in the news media: crime, neighborhood decay, ethnic polarization, homelessness, air pollution and traffic congestion. The place that used to boast of offering a sunny refuge from New York or Chicago or a cultural mecca for mid-westerners, now concedes it suffers urban nightmares that rival all. The need for an extensive rail transit system has long been apparent in Los Angeles but the experts say it will take at least another 25 years to build one. It is harder than ever before to recruit from colleges and from the general scientific labor pool as the California dream has become a myth.

Five acres and some low cost housing in Hawthorne will not repair the deep social problems of the Los Angeles area.

There are also the military needs of the Air Force in this particular command which must be addressed. None of these are contingent upon the economic requirements of El Segundo or the surrounding cities. Consolidation of this facility with another military facility makes sense from a security standpoint and over the long term will prove economical.

15.8 I support the study and believe that those involved are making the fairest assessment possible given the great number of unknowns involved in any such undertaking. I hope the resolution leads to a non-California solution.

Very truly yours,

Robert S. Katson

Attachment to Document 45

Would relocating El Segundo's base be such a bad thing?



Ken McGurn

You are out there somewhere. You are a hard-working family trying to enjoy life in beautiful California . . . except something just isn't quite right.

That something starts on a little link that is unchained, yet inside, ignored. But it turns into something more real, a deep yearning. After awhile it blooms into raging reality: You, you, you, Mr. and Mrs. Californian, will never own your own home.

You may never even be able to rent a home. Your children will grow up playing in cramped driveways. You will always be waiting for that letter launch on the door or that rent vault delivery announcing yet another rent increase.

And you know you had better not look too far ahead for you will see the reality that it is only retired renters that are portioned outing not fixed. Retired homeowners are always portioned vacating their Winnebagos or getting ready to tee off on some resort.

You have seen those rumor stories that say only 15 percent of area residents could afford to buy the home they now live in, and in some areas that figure is as low as 5 percent. And are any of them families instead of DINKs (double income, no kids)?

The figures are even worse for coastal-area renters.

But you haven't moved away because it seems that every employer in the Western Hemisphere has set up headquarters on the beach, east of Irving and hostile employees in demand. If you leave, you starve.

But then, a miracle! Your employer announces plans are afoot to relocate you, at present pay, to an area with affordable homes and, dare dreams, and affordable mansions sitting on auto-sized lots, and towns with spaces between them, and culture and entertainment you might actually be able to attend without a day's head start and a night's stay in a nearby hotel to avoid the traffic.

Your employer is not talking of moving the operation to some Pacific Rim nation and leaving the work force behind. Your employer is not talking of closing up and hanging you jobless.

Your employer, the Los Angeles Air Force Base in El Segundo, is talking of closing and relocating all or part of the facility to one Albuquerque, N.M., Colorado Springs, Colo., or Riverside because of the high cost of housing and living in the South Bay, and how those costs are offending recruitment.

It is an attorney to your lawyers as a family. You can almost feel the cool winds dropping down off Boulder or Pike's peaks, replacing the ocean breezes you now get to enjoy for only a couple minutes a day between ending work and starting your hour-plus commute into the hot, dry, smoggy, gang-infested Interior.

Even a move to Riverside could be better for you as 20 percent of the area employees now live closer to Riverside than El Segundo and the dream of a log cabin in the San Bernardino Mountains could become a reality.

So you are primed to go, dancing from foot to foot waiting to start your new life, ready to slave your way to salvation!

But nooooooooooo! Along comes a group of business leaders that wants your employer to stay put. Who are they and what do they want? It's the El Segundo Chamber of Commerce. And Bill Mason, their leader, says: "We're talking about the loss of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars worth of business."

Mason said a letter-writing campaign and face-to-face meetings with military planners and congressional leaders is under way to keep the base where it is.

The base, which employs about 4,000 people, covers 80 acres and is home to 30 military organizations, including the Air Force's Space Systems Division. Closure could affect another 4,000 county civilian jobs at the nearby Aerospace Corp., a federally funded research and development manufacturing center that serves the base.

You would probably be glad for Mason's efforts if you were going to lose your job. But you are most likely to be transferred or even stay put. And even if you already are a homeowner you may be glad to go anyway, to cash in on your $250,000 equity but still keep a competitive, hand-brown, heavy-infested home for cash and never worry about a mortgage payment again.

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Relocating

FROM PAGE B1

The thoughts of all that spending money left over each month may even scare you a little bit.

So how much would it hurt the community were the above facilities to end operations here?

Mason says the local economy would be out about $680 million a year in lost payroll and contracts. Assuming about 1 million people in the area surrounding the facilities, that's a loss of $680 per person. (But we assure the money would never be split up like that and who really would get it.)

A report prepared for the Air Force by Systems Research and Applications Corp. and DRI/McGraw Hill shows the base closing would affect less than one-tenth of one percent of the region's income.

Well, let's look at the employees. Assuming a rate of 10cents that you pay for a house three times your 30 years, including interest, then the average employee by leaving would save about $600,000. That's based on the two-bedroom home price of $78,000 in Colorado or New Mexico versus $275,000 here, times three. That works out to $20,000 a year per employee.

Of course, many employees are not homeowners and rent for less than that amount. But they will continue to rent at ever-increasing amounts for the rest of their miserable lives.

And if those 8,000 employees were to leave, perhaps 4,000 other workers who commute even greater distances can move a bit closer to work.

So to sum up, would it be that the effort to keep the base and related businesses here is really an effort to hold the employees hostage, to keep lining the pockets of the already well-to-do at the expense of the "little guy?"

Maybe somebody ought to ask the employees what they think before deciding.

Ken McGurn is executive news editor of Copley Los Angeles Newspapers.

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August 30, 1990

Director
Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS-DEP
Norton Air Force Base, CA 92409-6448

Dear Director:

As I have stated in previous correspondence, I am in strong support for relocating the Air Force Space Systems Division to March Air Force Base and keeping its subsidiary, the Ballistic Missile Organization at Norton Air Force Base. 15.10

Bringing the Space Systems Divisions to the March Air Force Base would bring a significant number of new jobs to an area in California where housing is still affordable. The Air Force has indicated that it is unable to adequately recruit personnel at the Los Angeles Base because of the high housing costs in that area. Keeping the SSD and BMO within commuting distances, would facilitate interaction between the two divisions.

With the budget so tight, please keep in mind that keeping BMO at Norton Air Force Base and moving SSD to March Air Force Base will require only one moving and construction bill, thus minimizing costs.

I would like to reiterate that I strongly support this relocation and stand ready to assist the Air Force and Department of Defense in any way that I can.

Very truly yours,

DAVE KELLEY

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P&D

August 31, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base, CA 92409-6448

Re DEIS "Proposed Closure of L.A. AFB and Relocation of SSD

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

I take this opportunity to bring to your attention certain items that you may want to correct, as they may affect the accuracy of the above-referenced document where they are found.

Reference: DEIS, Page 2-30 & 2-31, Section 2.4.3.1:

3.1 "Site Location and Description."
Either the description which states that "The site is within a 222-acre parcel recently leased by Peterson AFB from the City of Colorado Springs" or "Figure 2.4.3-1 Proposed Sites at Peterson AFB, Colorado" is incorrect given that the site described/depicted includes lands located on the Banning-Lewis Ranch and which are currently owned by private parties.

"Adjacent Land Uses."
The third and fourth sentences in this paragraph are inaccurate in that they lead the reader to believe that the Banning-Lewis Ranch begins on the east side of Marksheffel when, indeed, Site 1 is bound on the east and partially along the south by said Ranch.

Reference: DEIS, Page 2-33, Section 2.4.3.2:

3.2 "Site Location and Description."
The change in elevations for this site appear inaccurate in that the highest elevation is more like 6,200' rather than 6,400'

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Please note that the statements above may affect other sections of the report as corrected. We will continue to review the report and reserve the right to add comments at a later time within the stipulated period.

I also take this opportunity to congratulate the Air Force for the good quality and content of the DEIS presented. Should there be any questions, please write or call. Thank you.

Cordially yours,

P&D TECHNOLOGIES

A.J. Testa, Ph.D., P.E.
Director of Engineering

cc: Dana Jones
Dennis Wigert

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DATE: September 1, 1990

TO: Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

SUBJECT: EIS for move of Space Systems Division and the Ballistic Missile Organization

4.2 The negative impacts of a move of SSD and BMO to VAFB would be substantial. They include impacts on water consumption, on air quality, on highway congestion, on housing, on schools, on social services, and on the overall quality of life in the area, particularly as growth would occur rapidly. I am not opposed to the move to VAFB if these negative impacts can be adequately mitigated. Mitigation might include provision of a desalination plant to provide water for the additional population, provision of public transit specifically for transportation between VAFB and the major housing areas, and provision of additional funding for schools and social services.

As a taxpayer, I would like the organizations to be moved to the place(s) where the environmental and monetary impact would be the least. Government at all levels is struggling with demands for services that exceed the dollars available to provide the services. The costs of this move should be minimized, so as not to take dollars from other necessary Governmental services.

Dorene S. Wellek

Dorene S. Wellek
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Lompoc, CA 93436

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WILLIAM PITT JEWELERS
Engagement / Diamond Professionals For Three Generations

8-29-90

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

RE: Relocation of L.A. Air Force Operations to Vandenberg.

Dear Sir:

I write in support of the relocation project subject of this meeting. Since 1985, I have had the privilege of developing a client base within the Santa Maria Valley and surrounding communities for William Pitt Jewelers. During this time, I have observed the implementation of sound business decisions in the careful planning and creation of industrial growth and marketing growth as our community expands to meet the needs of the new decade before us. 15.10

However, no step taken thus far exceeds the proportion of the potential relocation of L.A. Air Force Operations to Vandenberg, in terms of the positive economic growth inherent in such a move. A thriving community is rich in many ways...not only in it's natural assets which we are all grateful for , but in the diversity of experiences and people who combine to give this area a unique flavor and character.

The addition of the project will create a momentum of economic growth that is appropriate timing for the entire central coast; while this diverse territory will provide an environment that is capable of geographically supporting the needs of the work force as it settles into it's new role.

This relationship is mutually beneficial; on behalf of William Pitt Jewelers, welcome to the Santa Maria Valley.

With kind regards

Wilda Baker-Livengood
Store Manager
cc: Steve Robbins, President Richard Scudder, V.P. Store Operations

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September 3, 1990

Lt Col Tom Bartel, Director
Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB 92409-6448

RE Transfer of Space Systems Division and Ballistic Missile Organization to Vandenberg AFB

Colonel Bertel

I was unable to attend the public hearing on Tuesday evening, August 28, 1990.

I am a native of Santa Barbara County being born in Santa Barbara on May 15, 1935.

15.10 I believe the move of the Air Force Space Systems Division and Ballistic Missile Organization to Vandenberg would be fantastic for all of Santa Barbara County. Many of the jobs would be filled, I am sure, by present employees, but there would also be some filled from the local labor pool.

It seems to me to be an ideal way to remove some of the commuter traffic from Santa Barbara County roads. Perhaps many of those commuting to Santa Barbara daily would find employment locally after this move.

It is time now for the Air Force to make this move to Santa Barbara County and if there is anything that I can ever do to make this move a certainty, please ask. It is my intention to fight the re-election of anyone in City or County government who is not 100% in favor of, and pushing for the implementation of this move to Santa Barbara County.

Respectfully,

Albert S Castagnola
Albert S Castagnola

cc: Congressman Robert Lagomarsino
County Supervisors Diane Owens & Toru Miyoshi

DOCUMENT 51

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

August 30, 1990

Lt. Colonel Tom Bartol
Director of Programs and Environmental
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, California 92409-64-8

Dear Colonel Bartol:

I appreciate the opportunity to make comments on the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Air Force's proposed relocation of the Space Systems Division that are generally in relation to the portions of the EIS dealing with March AFB. These comments are in addition to those submitted in relation to the August 29 meeting concerning the Ballistic Missile Organization in San Bernardino.

Moving the Space Systems Division from its present location at Los Angeles Air Force Base may very well be an expensive undertaking. Even with special legislation that will allow the Air Force to directly use the profits from selling the valuable land at LA AFB, the cost of moving SSD will be significant. But there also appear to be significant costs for the Air Force in staying at LA AFB, such as the high cost of housing in west Los Angeles, which saves the recruitment and retention of lower-salaried personnel nearly impossible and causes job vacancy problems at SSD. Thus, the Air Force may conclude that it must move SSD from LA AFB if it is to place SSD in a location where it can remain viable for the future. If SSD must move from LA AFB, then I think that March AFB is the place it should move to. 15.10

A move to March AFB would keep SSD within the commercial, industrial, and scientific heartland of Southern California, in which Air Force space and missile organizations were born and which we understand the Air Force is very reluctant to leave. Most importantly, March offers the Air Force what clearly appears to be the most cost effective way to solve SSD's problems. The housing costs here in the Inland Empire are significantly lower than those in West Los Angeles. Also, by moving to March, SSD will locate within close commuting distance of its subsidiary unit, the Ballistic Missile Organization, located adjacent to Norton Air Force Base in San Bernardino. If the Air Force moves SSD to any other location, it will have to pay the additional costs of (1) keeping SSD out of commuting distance from BMO, or (2) moving and paying for construction of not only SSD but also BMO. This, of course, assumes that BMO can even be moved.

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I have been working hard in Congress to keep BMO at Norton AFB, in accordance with the recommendations of the 1988 Commission on Base Realignments and Closures. Keeping BMO at Norton not only would benefit the civilian employees who would lose their jobs if the organization moves, but it also strengthens the case for moving SSD to March, instead of to Vandenburg or out of state.

An additional sign of the cost-effectiveness of moving SSD to March, as opposed to any of the other sites under consideration, is that many of SSD's current employees would not have to move in order to work at March. If SSD moves to Vandenburg or out of state, the Air Force will have to pay for relocation costs for those employees and their families. I noted in the draft Environmental Impact Statement that the Air Force estimates that 20 percent of SSD's workforce would not have to move their homes in order to begin working at March Air Force Base. 15.10

Finally, a good reason for the Air Force to bring SSD to March and keep BMO at Norton is the strong hospitality and community support which the Inland Empire has always shown and will continue to show Air Force personnel and Air Force facilities. An example of the level of regional support for Air Force facilities is the strong endorsement and support that Inland Empire communities and civic leaders have given to the lobbying effort of the Inland Empire Space Systems Division Relocation Group. Another example is the letter to the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of the Air Force that was signed by 390 community leaders from throughout the Inland Empire indicating our region's strong support for keeping BMO at Norton and accommodating SSD at March. That letter was delivered to the Pentagon in July by myself and a three-person delegation from the Inland Empire Space Systems Division Relocation Group, including Riverside residents Steve Albright and David McElroy and Ontario business leader Steve Pontelli.

In terms of commenting on the draft Environmental Impact Statement, I wish to bring two matters to the attention of the Air Force. First, I commend the Air Force for including in its analysis a reference to the fact that a movement of SSD to March is in accordance with the air pollution reduction plans of the South Coast Air Quality Management District. 11.1

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Second, I would like to draw the attention of the Air Force to its analysis of the cumulative impacts on air quality from moving SSD to March in addition to the anticipated movement of approximately 1,100 personnel from Norton to March when Norton closes. The authors of the draft EIS state that there would be an increased negative impact on air quality from such a dual move. I would like the Air Force to reconsider that conclusion. Any jobs from Norton that are kept within the Inland Empire, such as through transfer to March, help to alleviate the negative environmental impacts associated with the jobs-housing imbalance. If the 1,100 employees from Norton are not transferred to March, they will look for other work and if their new jobs fit the same pattern as the average for Inland Empire residents, many of those jobs will be in Los Angeles or Orange Counties and require long commutes resulting in increased air pollution. Thus, the cumulative effect from having both 1,100 new personnel come to March from Norton and 7,500 new personnel come to March from SSD is positive for both the jobs-housing imbalance in the Inland Empire and positive for air quality in the South Coast Air Quality Management District. 11.1

In conclusion, I firmly believe that there are not only strong financial and operational reasons for moving SSD to March, but that moving SSD to March would also benefit the air quality environment throughout the South Coast air basin.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

George E. Brown, Jr.
Member of Congress

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September 4, 1990

Lt Colonel Tom Bertel
Director of Programs and Environmental
AFSCD-BAE/DEP
Norton AFB, California 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bertel:

Attached is an official statement for the record, presented at the August 27th public hearing in El Segundo on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base, California, and relocation of Space Systems Division.

Sincerely,

Ray Remy
President

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encl.

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TESTIMONY OF RAY REMY

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE DRAFT EIS FOR THE PROPOSED
CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AFB AND RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION

AUGUST 27, 1990
EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE THIS EVENING. MY NAME IS RAY REMY. I SERVE AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. ON BEHALF OF THE CHAMBER'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, I WOULD LIKE TO URGE YOU TO RETAIN LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE IN ITS PRESENT LOCATION. 15.2

WHEN OUR CHAMBER MET WITH SECRETARY OF DEFENSE DICK CHENEY EARLIER THIS YEAR, WE EXPRESSED GENERAL SUPPORT FOR HIS DIFFICULT TASK OF EFFECTING ECONOMIES IN THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT BUDGET AND ACHIEVING OVERALL REDUCTION FOR DEFICIT PURPOSES. WITHIN THIS CONTEXT, WE WERE SUPPORTIVE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSUMING ITS FAIR SHARE OF BASE CLOSING AND DEFENSE CUT BACKS. WHAT WE DIDN'T REALIZE, HOWEVER, WAS THAT THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE WAS NOT A CLOSURE FOR BUDGET SAVINGS, BUT RATHER A RELOCATION WHICH WOULD ACTUALLY INCREASE D.O.D. EXPENDITURES.

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AS WE EXAMINED THE MATTER MORE CLOSELY, WE DETERMINED THAT THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE TOGETHER WITH ITS DIRECTLY ALLIED PARTNER FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS, THE PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT AEROSPACE CORPORATION, FORM THE LINCHPIN FOR THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

WHILE OTHER BASE CLOSURES/RELOCATION CANDIDATES IN THE UNITED STATES ARE EXPERIENCING DIMINISHING DEMAND FOR THEIR USE, THE MISSION AND SCOPE OF THE WORK PERFORMED AT THESE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FACILITIES IS INCREASING. THIS IS DUE TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY EMPHASIS ON SPACE SYSTEMS AND THE INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITY IT BRINGS TO OUR FORCES DOMESTICALLY AND IN THE FIELD. THIS WAS RECENTLY DEMONSTRATED MOST VIVIDLY THOUGH OUR OPERATIONS IN PANAMA AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

THE LOSS OF THIS FACILITY WILL HAVE A DRAMATIC IMPACT ON THE LOS ANGELES ECONOMY, PARTICULARLY WHEN ADDED TO EXISTING DEFENSE DEPARTMENT CUTS. LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE EMPLOYS SOME 3,200 PERSONS, INCLUDING 1,750 MILITARY AND 1,450 CIVILIANS. IT HAS

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A YEARLY PAYROLL OF $109 MILLION, AND ACTIVE CONTRACTS IN THE LOS ANGELES BASIN OF $6.5 BILLION. THE AEROSPACE CORPORATION EMPLOYS 4,200 PERSONNEL AND HAS A YEARLY PAYROLL OF $218 MILLION. FUTHERMORE, LOCAL SUPPORT CONTRACTS ADD AN ADDITIONAL $362 MILLION TO THE ECONOMY.

WITH THE MAGNITURE OF ITS IMPORTANCE AND THESE IMPRESSIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS, ONE MIGHT CONCLUDE THAT THERE MUST BE HUGE COST SAVINGS TO THE AIR FORCE FOR THEM TO CONSIDER RELOCATION. THE FACT IS THAT MOVING LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE FROM EL SEGUNDO TO OTHER PROPOSED SITES WOULD ACTUALLY BE A VERY EXPENSIVE UNDERTAKING. SOME HAVE ESTIMATED THAT UPWARDS OF $1 BILLION WOULD HAVE TO BE EXPENDED TO ACCOMPLISH THE RELOCATION.

WE ARE AWARE OF THE CONCERN FOR THE REPORTED HIGH COST OF LIVING IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. IN REALITY, WE BELIEVE THAT THE SPECIFIC CONCERNS RELATE TO THE HIGH COST OF HOUSING, AND NOT THE HIGH COST OF LIVING. IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, HOWEVER, THE AIR FORCE HAS MADE GREAT STRIDES IN ADDRESSING THE HIGH COST OF

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HOUSING IN LOS ANGELES WITH THE ADDITION OF 370 NEW UNITS, BRINGING THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE HOUSES TO AIR FORCE PERSONNEL IN THE LOCAL AREA TO 530. WE ARE WORKING WITH BOTH THE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO ACHIEVE ADDITIONAL RELIEF FOR THE AIR FORCE IN THEIR HOUSING CONCERNS.

WE WOULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT THERE ARE MANY ADDITIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED RELOCATION. THERE WILL BE INCREASED TRAVEL FOR EXISTING AEROSPACE FIRM PERSONNEL, REDUCED ACCESS TO TRAINED LABOR POOLS, AND REDUCED CONTACTS WITH WORLD RESPECTED ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS.

IT IS ALSO DISAPPOINTING TO REALIZE THAT AT THE VERY TIME FEDERAL AND LOCAL OFFICIALS HAVE DEDICATED HUGE SUMS OF MONEY IN IMPROVED TRANSPORTATION ACCESS, THROUGH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GLENN ANDERSON FREEWAY AND THE GREEN LINE TRANSIT EXTENSION, A MAJOR EMPLOYER WOULD BE LEAVING THE AREA.

WITH THESE SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC IMPACTS, WITH THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MISSION, WITH THE HIGH COST OF RELOCATION AND WITH THE

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HOUSING ISSUE WORKING ITS WAY TOWARD RESOLUTION, THE LOS ANGELES AREA BUSINESS COMMUNITY SINCERELY BELIEVES THAT BOTH REGIONAL AND NATIONAL INTEREST WILL BE BEST SERVED BY RETAINING THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE IN ITS PRESENT LOCATION. WE BELIEVE THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT AND OTHER STUDIES, INCLUDING LOCAL ECONOMIC IMPACTS, WILL LEAD TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THIS IS THE SOUNDEST RECOMMENDATION TO BE MADE TO SECRETARIES CHENEY AND RICE.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THIS IMPORTANT MATTER.

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Written Comment Sheet

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base And Relocation of Space Systems Division

Vandenberg AFB

15.10

I am a doctor who is told to recruit & retain personnel for the USAF. The recruit would be a significant increase in cases of asthma if the smog is increased. I hope these public hearings will make this decision well taken to the people and not the politicians. They are not giving their constituents the right opportunity to have their voices heard on a major problem that many communities people in disagreement with it will force our elected officials to do something about it. Right now it is causing a lot of confusion. This area needs the right kind of base which is known to the people. Closing down the missions for these bases is not acceptable.

- Thank You For Your Comments -

Name [illegible]

Address [illegible]
Street Address City/State/Zip Code

Please hand this form in or mail to: Director
Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base CA 92409-6448

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

STEVE CLUTE

August 30, 1990

Thomas J. Bartol, Lt. Col., USAF
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
Norton Air Force Base
San Bernardino, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lieutenant Colonel Bartol:

Transfer of the activities associated with the closure of the Los Angeles Air Force Base is a very high priority with me. I have advised the Governor's staff of my interest in this effort.

I strongly support alternative 1 as well as alternative 5 as provided by the Air Force. Alternative 1 proposes total relocation of all activities currently at Los Angeles Air Force Base to March Air Force Base; whereas alternative 5 proposes retention of the Aerospace Corporation in Los Angeles, SMC to be retained at Norton and the relocation of Air Force activities to March Air Force Base.

15.10

March Air Force Base is the ideal location for either of these alternatives. The Riverside and Moreno Valley area would provide reduced commuting time, more affordable housing compared to the Los Angeles area, and would reduce the financial hardship of the present civilian work force whose pay would be commensurate with their peers in the local community.

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Considering all the facets of this proposed move, it is apparent that the selection of March Air Force Base is the most desirable, economical and logical conclusion.

Your approval of this recommendation is solicited.

Sincerely,

STEVE CLUTE

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John J. Markon
1532 West North Avenue
Lompoc, California 93436

August 31, 1990

Col.Tom Bartol, Director
Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB 92409-6448

Dear Col. Bartol.

This letter is to explain the local opposition to the proposed expansion of Vandenberg AFB with many thousands of new people. Lompoc is already overdeveloped. The evidence is shown in the crisis and desperate conditions in local water shortage, crowded schools and horrendous traffic congestion. 15.7

What was once a happy town with an enjoyable life style, has in some fifteen years, been converted by developers into a crowded and congested urban problem with crisis conditions in above mentioned areas. The root of the problem is the great profits that developers, realtors and the local businessmen want to accrue. Sadly, their greed divests them from any conscionable responsibility for solving the problems that they have created.

But what about the alleged support by the throngs at the well staged shows in Santa Maria and at Cabrillo High School in Lompoc? I hope that you noticed that every realtor, developer, business entrepreneur and local politician that toadies to business was represented by loud and vocal rooters. I hope that you noticed that all attempts to raise environmental issues were hooted down. The statement by one spokesman that Burton Mesa chaparral are weeds that should be pulled out and thrown away, was a classic example of the local thinking of our business community. Clearly, their grubby self interest precludes any consideration for the simple people that have to live in the town and suffer their exacerbation of our environmental problems.

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Unfortunately, local voters and residents are exceedingly passive and complain only when the the crisis becomes uncomfortable. The business element is always organized and well represented. When money is on the line, they do their homework and act vocally. The staged performance at Cabrillo High School was a fine example.

However, should you go forth with the population flooding plan of our local area, the extremely uncomfortable consequences would not only arouse the local people but would add a hardship to the new residents as well. An influx of over 40 thousand people to this area would be catastrophic. An expansion of only 10% to Lompoc's population would bring our water, school and traffic problems to dangerous proportions.

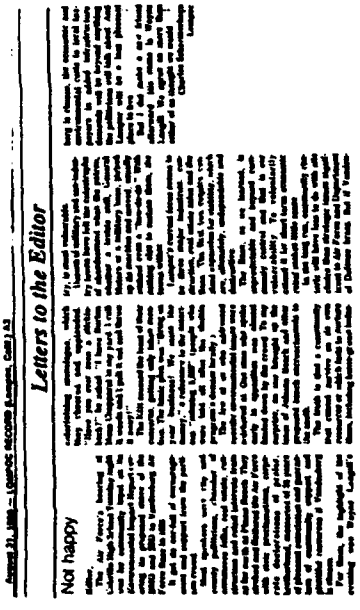
Colonel Bartol, I urge you to consider along with the wants of the business community, the underlying problems being suffered by the less vocal residents and voters. There are many other fine alternatives to the Lompoc-Santa Maria area. Please take environmental and life-style conditions into your determinations.

Sincerely yours:

John J. Markon

Note: I also include a local newspaper article with a neighbors view.

Attachment to Document 55



Letters to the Editor

Not happy

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2384 Sweeney Road
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August 31, 1990
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AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Attention: Lt Col Tom Bartol, Director of Programs and Environmental

Re: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base and Relocation of Space Systems Division (specifically to VAFB, CA)

Gentlemen:

I add the following inputs to be addressed in the analysis of the material in the DEIS:

4.14 The base number of employees added to the local economy as a result of the proposed relocation to VAFB should be based on the 1986 employment figures at VAFB, in all the categories addressed in the DEIS (e.g. direct Government employees, Government contractor employees, and employees of supporting businesses, off-site). This will ensure that not only the 5000 jobs on the base that were lost after the west-coast Shuttle launch site was canceled are considered; but, all the off-site direct and indirect employees.

6.7 The number of added commutes between local communities and VAFB due to additional workers on VAFB should be compared against the 1986 numbers.

11.2 The additional pollution caused by the additional average 30 mile round trip commutes to jobs on VAFB should be reduced by the pollution caused by the personnel who will chose to accept employment on VAFB or in supporting non-government jobs in lieu of their present jobs in Santa Barbara, a 100 to 150 mile round trip from their residences in Lompoc or Santa Maria.

There are a large number of particularly hard-headed folks who maintain residences on the Central Coast. A few came to the hearing to protest the idea of the AF bringing more business to our area. Others, and I have to be counted in the second group, enjoy living on the Central Coast so much, that for the past year, I have commuted 450 miles round trip, to Southern California to work five days a week (four nights in LA, three nights in Lompoc). There are hundreds of us. If units of SSD were moved to VAFB, we are qualified to fill the slots that will become available when all the civilian work force that supports SSD does not chose to accept a transfer.

I am currently unemployed. I chose to take this risk, rather than accept a transfer back to Houston, Texas (from NASA) with the security of continued Government employment. I have worked as a temporary engineer, by choice, for the past two years. In the course of my duties, we have had an opportunity to review resumes from technical personnel who had answered advertisements for potential jobs with one of the unsuccessful bidders for the design and construction of a Titan IV/Centaur launch facility at VAFB. The response from a few small classified ads drew hundreds of responses. Many were from technical

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personnel that retain their local residences and commute to the Bay area or to Southern California. Many are getting by, in an "under-employed" status. Of course, the employed members of this group were unable to attend the DEIS hearing.

The DEIS states that the increases in vehicle emissions would be significant because the area is nonattainment for the state ozone standard. North Santa Barbara County experiences several days per year of ozone concentration above the accepted levels. The emissions from off-shore oil activity which is (was) outside the jurisdiction of the EPA, a contributor to this area's pollution, as well as the emissions from exempted (and old, noisy, and inefficient) military aircraft that practice flaps-up landings at VAFB's 15000 foot facility are popular candidates for off sets to any increases due to folks getting to work so the local economy does not dry up and blow away with the clean on-shore breeze which cleans out the air in all the Central Coast valleys, almost every afternoon. Nonattainment only happens on those few days per year when the on-shore wind does not happen. Again, the ozone levels in 1986, when VAFB on-base, and derivative off-site activities were at a significantly higher activity should be compared with current peak ozone levels in order to fairly project the effect of more vehicular traffic as a result of an SSD move to VAFB. 11.3

The water supply for Vandenberg Village (which does not have very many more building sites) is overdrafted. The state of overdraft for the Lompoc Valley is controversial, depending on what point you want to prove. There are individual wells in areas of concentrated withdrawal, with a lower water table; but, most supplies have not changed enough over the four years of drought to verify a definite trend. The water rights of the Lompoc Valley, from Lake Cachuma, should be considered when evaluating the Lompoc Valley's water supply. The commander at VAFB has told the military residents that VAFB's supply from the San Antonio River basin is not in overdraft. Santa Maria can provide information that shows they have no barriers to getting State water. This statement, and this fact are in conflict with the DEIS. 10.3

The local economy needs more industry. SSD, in all forms, is one of the cleanest alternatives.

Sincerely,

Roger N. Tanner

cc
The Honorable Robert Lagomarsino
United States House of Representatives
104 East Boone
Santa Maria, CA 93454

Diane Owen, Supervisor, Santa Barbara County
401 Cypress Avenue
Lompoc, CA 93436

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CITY OF LOMPOC
VALLEY OF FLOWERS

August 31, 1990

Lt. Colonel Tom Bartol
Director, Programs, and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Colonel Bartol:

I am sending to you a letter received in reference to the proposed relocation of the Space Systems Divisions and Supporting Units to Vandenberg Air Force Base.

Sincerely,

Gene Wahlers
City Administrator

cc: Marvin D. Loney, Mayor

CITY HALL, 100 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, P.O. BOX 8001, LOMPOC, CA 93438-8001
(805) 736-1261; FAX: (805) 735-8467

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Steven E. Reese
1225 Woodmere Road
Santa Maria, CA 93455

August 29, 1990

Honorable Mayor Marvin Loney
City of Lompoc
100 Civic Center Plaza
Lompoc, CA 93436

Dear Mayor Loney:

I was unable to attend the relocation meeting held Tuesday night, August 28, 1990, at Cabrillo High School in Lompoc due to business outside the area. I do, however, wish to express my opinion on the matter of relocating Air Force personnel from Los Angeles to the Central Coast.

I strongly support this move for two reasons. One, the addition of these professionals to Vandenberg Air Force Base is a logical move because it consolidates all common operations personnel at one location. Secondly, the relocation of these people and their families would be a positive move to stimulate the economy of our area. I believe our local economy has been sluggish since the Challenger disaster and that this may be just the input we need to reverse this trend. 15.10

Additionally, I feel that with government support and the proper attitude, we can all work together to make this move beneficial to the entire community. Both Lompoc and Santa Maria have continually sought high-technology, environmentally clean businesses to locate in our area, so I would hope they will do everything possible to ensure this unique opportunity comes to fruition. With this thought I remain.

Sincerely yours,

Steven E. Reese

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Santa Maria Town Center
142 Santa Maria Town Center East
Santa Maria, California 93454
(805) 922-7931

August 28, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and
Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409 6448

Re: Relocation of Los Angeles Air Force Operations to Vandenberg Air Force Base.

Dear Sir,

15.10 On behalf of the Partnership of Santa Maria Town Center and Town Center West, please find the attached position statement in support of the relocation of the Los Angeles Air Force Operations Facility to Vandenberg Air Force Base. Please do not hesitate to call should you have any questions regarding our facility, our services or the market in general.

Sincerely,

John Walker
General Manager
Santa Maria Town Center
Town Center West

cc: James Martin del Campo
Alberta Davidson
Henry Baron
Kim Menrich
Dan Felix
Mary Monson

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VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE

RELOCATION SUPPORT

I. Introduction

My name is John Walker and I am the general manager of Santa Maria Town Center and Town Center West, a 750,000 s.f. regional shopping center located in Santa Maria, California.

II. The Partnership

I am speaking before you tonight on behalf of the partnership known as Santa Maria Town Center Associates, owners of Santa Maria Town Center and Town Center West, as well as the collective partnership between the center management and the 4 department stores and the 124 specialty shops that comprise our two centers.

III. The Redevelopment Agency

The existence of Santa Maria Town Center and Town Center West is credited to the establishment of the Santa Maria Redevelopment Agency by the City of Santa Maria in 1976. The goal of the agency was to redevelop the downtown area in an effort to eliminate blight, diversify the city's economy, create jobs and generate sales tax. In calendar year '89, Santa Maria Town Center and Town Center West employed over 800 full and part time employees and generated approximately $71,490,000 in retail sales which translated to over $4.5 million dollars in retail sales tax for the City of Santa Maria. And the spanish style architecture of the center which captures the beauty and heritage of the Santa Maria Valley certainly adds to the architectural integrity of the city as it was designed.

IV. The Center

As mentioned previously, Santa Maria Town Center and Town Center and Town Center West is a 4 department store regional shopping center of approximately 750,000 sf. The department stores include a new May Company which will open October 19, 1990, an expanded and renovated Gottschalk's, Mervyn's and Sears. The 124 specialty shops include a wide variety of classifications catering to the needs of our diverse market. The master plan for the center provides for a 5th department store, 48,000 sf of additional shops, and a bridge spanning Broadway connecting the two centers. Upon completion of this phase, the center will be approximately 880,000 sf, a retail "gem" if you will, unequalled in size or quality on the central coast.

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V. The Market

Our most recent intercept study shows that 55% of our customers come from 15 or more miles away. More specifically, Vandenberg Air Force Base historically has comprised 15-20% of our market share. As we were adversely affected in 1986 by the Challenger disaster by the loss of approximately 5,000 employees, we would obviously benefit from any positive growth realized at the base as well. Naturally, this would directly translate to an increase in the sales tax base for the City of Santa Maria as well.

VI. The Position

Based on the aforementioned information presented to you, Vandenberg Air Force Base is vital to the success of Santa Maria Town Center and Town Center West, and consequently to the sales tax revenues of the City of Santa Maria. Given our current size and stature, combined with our future growth potential, Santa Maria Town Center and Town Center West stand qualified to satisfy the retail needs of an expanding market base such as the one proposed tonight. This excellence in retail shopping combined with the high quality of life found in the Santa Maria Valley makes Vandenberg the obvious choice from our perspective. Therefore, be it known by all present that the partnership of Santa Maria Town Center and Town Center West fully supports the proposed relocation of the Los Angeles Air Force Operations to Vandenberg. To that end, we are committed over the long term to take the steps necessary to facilitate such a relocation for the benefit of all concerned.

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Lockheed Corporation

Sunnyvale, California 94088 (408) 742-4211

John N. McMahon
Group President
Missiles and Space Company

September 4, 1990

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Bartol
Director of Programs and Environmental
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Col. Bartol:

We are grateful for the advisory from Major Vroman regarding the proposed closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base and the relocation of Space Systems Division. Please add Lockheed Missiles & Space Company's (LMSC) voice to those that oppose the relocation of Space Systems Division. 15.2

As you may well appreciate, LMSC has hundreds of engineers and contract personnel who are in constant contact with Space Systems Division and the nearby Aerospace Corporation. This contact is necessary for the many iterations associated with the development and production of our space systems. While the present location of Space Systems Division and Aerospace Corporation at Los Angeles Air Force Base is indeed a convenience for us, it is a convenience that provides program efficiency and cost savings to the Government. Any move of these organizations would not only add multimillion dollars to our programs, but add a great deal of inefficiency to programs that require dynamic action and response. Any added travel time mitigates against such needs. 1.6

We appreciate your consideration of LMSC's position which supports the no-action alternative in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. If I can provide any additional information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

John N. McMahon

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Sept. 8, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartel
Sir,

15.7 I am very much opposed on increase at Vandenberg.

With a water shortage, we don't need more people.

With more people, [illegible] more traffic, crime, pollution, etc.

Please don't destroy our Un-Polluted town of Lompoc + the Surrounding Area!

Joan Norton

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Our friends + neighbors are against Anymore people coming also.

Also increased traffic & pollution, trash, sewer use, + more crime.

We are not ready to give up the small town, friendly area, pollution free way of life.

Thank you,
John + Sandra Luecher
205 W. Cypress
Lompoc, Ca 93436

DOCUMENT 61

Written Comment Sheet

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base And Relocation of Space Systems Division

Peterson / Falcon AFBs

15.7 I AM writing to express my disapproval of your plans to relocate your thousands of personnell and families and the Like here to Colorado Springs. Clearly, the only ones who stand to benefit from your move will be those individuals who will find increased revenue from your people. Allow me to use but a few portions of the people here want nuclear Weapons plants removed, we want no more hazardous waste from your operations (the gov't has yet to figure out how to deal with it), we want no more concrete intersections in the mountains we treasure. Your reasons for moving include the traffic, pollution, and mess found in L.A. — why bring it all here and destroy more of America!? You claim to be patriots of America and yet you are proposing to despoil hundreds of acres of it?!

I respectfully ask you to consider the NO ACTION option open to you in the hopes that you can solve your L.A. problems.

Thank You For Your Comments.

Name Ira Anderson
Address (work) Box 105 Colorado College Colo Springs CO 80946
Street Address City / State / Zip Code

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Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE - BMS / DEP
Norton Air Force Base CA 92409 - 6448

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September 9, 1990

Lt Col Tom Bartel
Director Programs
+ Environmental Divison
AFBCE-BMS/DEP Norton AFB 92409-6448

Sir,

15.7 We live in Lompoc and we hope that we do not have the Additional people move into the area. The reasons are many, but I will name only a few.

The shortage of water is the main one. They would only use water. What is in short supply already. There increase use of course that means increased water use for restaurants + businesses. Also Lompoc is losing its land, now with new Prisons already it has cut into land used for farming, growing flowers, which flower seeds is a big business here. Cas Em Dero owns quite a bit. Santa Maria also has a housing + growth that has caused them to be crowded. Most of

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Assembly
California Legislature

JERRY EAVES

August 28, 1990

Lt. Col. Thomas J. Bartol
Director, Pgms & Env. Division
Department of the Air Force
Regional Civil Engineer
Ballistic Missile Support
Norton Air Force Base, California 92409

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

SUBJECT: Response to Draft EIS - Move of BMO/Norton AFB

As you are aware, I have previously expressed my feelings concerning my strong objections to any relocation of the Ballistic Missile Division from its current location at Norton Air Force Base in San Bernardino (letters of February 1, 1990 and May 24, 1990).

My office represents a constituency of approximately 400,000 citizens and we have not received one message, in any form, in favor of moving the BMO out of Norton AFB. In fact, the opposition to any such contemplation raises the ire of my constituents to a point of disgust as well as disbelief.

1.4

The Military Construction Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee recently stated that "such action appears to be in violation of the Base Closure and Realignment Commission recommendations." My letter of February 1, 1990 to Senators Cranston and Wilson and Congressmen Brown and Lewis clearly states my position that the possibility of moving the BMO is a circumvention of the Base Closure Act.

In the event that the BMO is moved, as the 66th District California State Assemblyman, I will ask the State Attorney General to research the position taken by the Military Construction Subcommittee and myself, that the move is nothing more than subterfuge foisted on us by Secretary Cheney which is a circumvention of the Base Closure Act. If the Attorney General

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reaches the same conclusion, I will ask the State Legislature to move on a lawsuit to prevent this action from occurring.

It appears to be a sad state of affairs that with the 40+ years of excellent relationships with the United States Air Force and this community that our efforts to struggle in a positive manner with the closing of Norton AFB is belatedly faced with an economic coup de grace by Secretary Cheney's unsupported and possibly illegal move of the BMO.

1.4

Sincerely,

JERRY EAVES

JE/wpl

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Santa Maria Joint Union High School District
[illegible] LINCOLN STREET · SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA [illegible]
(805) 922-4573
LARRY G. RUTTAN
[illegible]

September 7, 1990

Lt. Colonel Tom Bartol, Director
Programs and Environmental
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

RELOCATION OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE/VANDENBERG AFB

On behalf of the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District, I would like to take this opportunity to convey to you the concerns about relocating the LAAFB in whole or in part to Vandenberg AFB.

The California public school system has seen its student population grow significantly over the past several years. So much, in fact, that a backlog of $6 Billion of construction/modernization requests exists. The Santa Maria JUHSD is no exception to this growth in students and is impacted to the point that we are using temporary (relocatable) buildings to house students. We will also be considering Year Round Education within the next 12 months.

4.5

Although we have applied for State funds for constructing two new schools, the prospect of receiving those funds is almost non-existent. Additionally, the process would, if approved today, provide a school in about 3 to 5 years.

The additional student population that would result from the relocation of the LAAFB to this area would, therefore, negatively impact this school District.

We, of course, are always open to studying alternative means of providing the necessary housing and services to our students and would encourage communication to work toward that end. Should you wish to discuss this matter with the District, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Larry G. Ruttan
Superintendent

cc: Board of Trustees
R. Downer, Business Mgr.

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Written Comment Sheet

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base And Relocation of Space Systems Division

Vandenberg AFB

On behalf of the Ironworker Local #433 and the Santa Barbara Building Trades,

[illegible] and will offer our assistance in this ACRE [illegible].

Although we are a pro growth organization, we feel that with everyone working together the unions and environmental members will result in a solution that will satisfy most everyone.

15.10

Thank you,

John Maldonado

Business Agent

Ironworkers Local #433

Ironworkers Local 433

- Thank You For Your Comments -

Name John Maldonado

Address 1215 Mesa, #A, Ventura, CA 93001
Street Address City, State, Zip Code

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AFRCE BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base CA 92409-6448

Attachment to Document 65

Contra Costa Building and Construction
Trades Council

GREG FEERE

The Impact of Out-Of-Area Workers in Non-Residential Construction
on Contra Costa County:
A Case Study of the USS-POSCO Modernization

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Prepared for

The Out-of-Area Worker Task Force
of the
Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

July 1989

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September 10, 1990

Lieutenant Colonel Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

In July of this year I was fortunate to assume the position as Executive Director of the Colorado Springs Convention and Visitors Bureau. This necessitated a relocation from Dallas to Colorado Springs with spouse, two teenage children and a golden retriever. We relate to the trauma of relocation firsthand, but found the warmth of area residents, abundance of housing choices, and numerous tourist activities to overcome any grief left behind in Dallas.

This picturesque area offers many free attractions as well as reasonably priced activities for both visitors and newly arriving residents. As we awaited arrival of our personal household items we spent time riding horses through Garden of The Gods Park, riding the Broadmoor Ski Lift and walking through historic Colorado City. With a variety of so many activities to partake the only disadvantage it creates is that the move in time is prolonged because there are so many great things to do and witness in Colorado Springs.

On behalf of the Colorado Springs Convention and Visitors Bureau, we hope the decision of relocation is forthcoming and look forward to welcoming our new residents to this great city of Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak Region. 15.10

Sincerely and best regards,

Terry Sullivan
Executive Director

cc: Hal Littrell
Wanda Reaves

TS:ea

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William Austin Co.

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September 11, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

RE: Draft Environmental Impact Statement
for the Proposed Closure of Los Angles
Air Force Base and Relocation of Space
Systems Division.

Dear Col. Bartol:

On August 30, 1990 I had the opportunity to represent the Monday Morning Group and make a few comments at the Public Hearing held here in Riverside in regards to the above referenced matter.

The Monday Morning Group is made up of business and professional people from western Riverside County. Over the years this group has supported projects that would enhance the quality of life of the area. The possible move of Space Systems Division to March Air Force Base would certainly enhance our area not only financially but also intellectually. 15.10

The alleged negative environmental impact of the relocation of Space Systems Division to March Air Force Base seems to be air quality and the adverse impact on federally listed endangered Stephen's Kangaroo Rat. In my judgement other speakers at this hearing gave excellent arguments that would or should mitigate these concerns. Specifically the comments of Norton Youngblove, Chairman of the South Coast Air Quality Management District and Robert Wales, Acting City Manager, City of Riverside.

The comments made by other speakers that evening should convince anyone that the area is currently well postured for a move of this magnitude, and that the various communities have in place or are willing to deal with the needs of this move.

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Externally, the impact statement is dealing with the appropriate concerns. Internally, the report should consider the excellent relationship and quality of life other major facilities have experienced over the years as neighbors to March Air Force Base. This is not only with all the federal agencies but also with the University of California, California School for the Deaf, Loma Linda University and California Baptist College to mention a few.

I would be happy to discuss this relocation further with anyone at our mutual convenience. Good luck with your endeavors.

Yours Very Truly,

Bart R. Singletary

BRS:ea

brsmafb/wpa

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J. Lane Zercher
6505 Guiana Avenue, Unit 94205
Playa Del Rey CA 90293

3 September 1990

Lt Col Tom Bartol
Director of Programs and
Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB CA 92409-6448

Dear Sir:

With respect to the proposed closure of Los Angeles AFB, I have some thoughts on the subject which I would like to pass on to you.

4.10 I am presently a GS-14 civilian employee of Space Systems Division/PKC. Phone (213) 363-3209. One item which concerns me is the environmental impact on the area to which we may be reassigned. In particular, has anyone addressed the issue of affordable housing for civilian employees and how affordable that will remain after the influx of approximately 6,000 people to some pretty remote areas. In other words, what will happen when demand hits supply? For example, has anyone actually consulted real estate agencies or the Chamber of Commerce in these areas to find out the average number of appropriate family housing units that are available on the market at any given time? I do hope this aspect of the move has been looked into and taken into consideration before any decision is made to relocate us somewhere in the hinterlands.

5.2 Another aspect of the decision to move the base that warrants some further thought is the continued reference to lack of space for expansion at Los Angeles AFB. There is plenty of vertical space available for office expansion. We have several huge parking lots on which office buildings could be built with parking garages in the basement, similar to other office structures in the L.A. area. (Of course, vertical space is not the answer for military housing needs.)

It may be that both of these issues have been well-thought out an reviewed ad infinitum during the decision making process. Unfortunately I have been unable to attend the public meetings and therefore very much appreciate this opportunity to pass on to you my views about the decision to close Los Angeles AFB.

Sincerely,

J. Lane Zercher

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September 12, 1990

Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Col. Bartol,

This letter serves as a reply to Mr. Marion's concerns regarding the "catastrophic" results of the proposed Vandenberg expansion that he envisions for Lompoc. I have submitted a copy to the Lompoc Record and am hopeful for publication soon.

The economic climate of our community, as it stands now, at best would be described as extremely lukewarm. Remaining as a "bedroom community" to adjacent areas that provide a bulk of the jobs for our residents creates a daily drain on our local economy. As the workers leave for Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, etc., so do their dollars. These dollars not only fill the coffers of businesses outside of our community, but due to an extremely limited tax base, do NOT allow for community funding of needed support elements such as schools, police and fire services, and recreational facilities.

15.10 The Vandenberg expansion would increase the number of jobs in the area. With this increase, additional support services and businesses would follow. Perhaps we might finally be able to "Shop Lompoc" more exclusively due to this growth and the tax drain from our community would slow to a trickle.

The crisis that you are so sure that would ensue has to come from your lack of faith with our locally elected government officials ability to guide us through the perils of controlled growth. Without any chance of continued controlled economic growth, where will our kids go to find jobs once they are of age? The very best, our future, will leave to find economic reward and challenging careers elsewhere, while the remainder will toil at fast food restaurants, gas stations, convenience and discount stores. I want my kids to stay or leave by choice, not by necessity.

We need this expansion coupled with sane decisions by our elected officials to temper our of control growth, that you so fear. I believe that a balance can be found to control traffic congestion, school crowding, water overdraft and preservation of other local resources, including the Burton Mesa chaparral, and still offer a viable economic future to our community. To stick our heads in the sand as this potential prospect passes us by would be a mistake.

Jill Abbott
517 South D St.
Lompoc, C[illegible] 9[illegible]

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Written Comment Sheet

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base And Relocation of Space Systems Division

Peterson / Falcon AFBs

12.1 / 10.4 / 8.2 / 4.15 [illegible]

· Thank You For Your Comments · (over)

Name [illegible]

Address [illegible]

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AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base CA 92409-6448

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I find relatively few families vote in our local affairs, rather maintaining their loyalties and their absentee ballots to another geographical area. When leadership positions are to be filled in a political party or in the precinct, the Hatch Act prohibits these leaders from taking a political position or holding office. By increasing the military numbers only, I do not believe there would be any better, likely worse, voter turnout and regarding critical issues such as school bond and school board elections, because of the relatively short stay of the military and the lack of investment in the community, including the schools...E.g., in the Cimarron Hills area, this has resulted in children being bused to several schools several miles away and I see apathy on the Peterson AFB or such failure to get together in any unifying neighborhood home owners association that there is helplessness or failure to provide neighborhood schools presently. Without planning, the addition of sizeable population poses a crisis for funding schools. School districts in the area have received reclassification and loss of funding for military dependents with budget cuts from the government and little hope that the federal government will provide relief. 4.5

Finally, as a pacifist, I find it ludicrous and duplicitous that the federal government is seeking in effect to increase military spending on SDI research and armaments when we are at this moment discussing and submitting with USSR to disarm.

While the projected millions of dollars is thought to benefit an economically struggling community, millions are needed to accommodate the onslaught of populations and social institutions to accommodate them. I don't believe the community is ready for these changes. And would Colorado Springs become more eminently vulnerable to attack from hostile nations due to the more heavily impacted military status of the relocation? 15.7

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ACORN PETROLEUM, INC.
An Oakd Brothers Enterprise

78 S. Sierra Madre St. - At the Depot
P.O. Box 600
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901

PHONE
634-8874

September 11, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton A.F.B., CA 92409-6448

Re: Draft EIS Peterson/Falcon for SSD

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

15.10 I strongly support Colorado Springs as the home for SSD.

(1) The environmental impacts are relatively small and will be successfully solved by joint efforts of the Air Force, the City, the County and the State. Leaders of all three governments have pledged that support.

An excellent example of this cooperation is the Peterson West Gate access improvement that is occurring now rather than a couple of years from now. These road improvements will reduce air pollution and gasoline usage by speeding and smoothing traffic flow.

(2) Affordable housing is a big part of a favorable cost of living environment. We have a large inventory of quality homes and apartments that are available at much lower prices and rentals than is true of the Los Angeles area. These housing values compare favorably with Albuquerque, Norton, and Vandenburg.

(3) A very large inventory of finished building lots exists as a hold over from the boom era of the mid 80's. These lots are currently available at prices below their costs and in many cases are assets held by the RTC.

Minimal environmental impacts will be felt as these lots are built on. No lengthy development delays will be incurred. And the Federal budget will be enhanced as RTC realizes an increased demand for these lots.

There is widespread enthusiasm in Colorado Springs for SSD to move here.

Sincerely,

Harlan L. Ochs
President

Wholesale Distributors of Petroleum Products
Warehouses 529 S. Sahwatch

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Coastal

September 10, 1990

Lieutenant Colonel Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, California 92409-6448

Dear Lieutenant Colonel Bartol:

I have recently been made aware of the relocation activity of the Space Systems Division and that Peterson AFB is one of the sites being considered. I'm sure that you have been provided with all of the statistical reasons why the City of Colorado Springs is the best place for relocation. I am not going to repeat those statistics but rather I would like to express an attitude that I find present in the business and civic community. Colorado Springs has long been a military oriented city and at the present time we are home to over 41,000 military personnel. Through the years determined efforts have been made to accommodate the needs of the military community. We are proud of this segment of our community and feel that we provide both a beautiful and productive ambience for their growth.

Quality housing is plentiful and economic in Colorado Springs, the area offers various price ranges that will accommodate the needs of any wage level. Considerable planning went into the layout of the city so that commuting takes considerable less time than in many cities and good transportation systems are available. The quality of education in Colorado Springs is excellent both in the elementary and college level with SAT test scores over 50 points above the national average. The city offers a high level of cultural attractions, ample employment opportunities for spouses, 114 parks and playgrounds, 170 churches of all faiths, mountain recreational facilities, a low crime rate and excellent police force, and moderate year-round climate. The quality of life in Colorado Springs is excellent.

Those of us at Colorado Interstate Gas Company and the citizens of Colorado Springs would welcome the opportunity to include the SSD as a part of our community. If we can offer you information or service of any kind, please feel free to call. 15.10

Sincerely,

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SEAL

September 11, 1990

Lt. Colonel Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base, California 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

This letter will be one, of what I hope will be many letters that you will receive, reflecting support for the relocation of the Space Systems Division to Peterson and/or Falcon Air Force Base. As a local business person here in Colorado Springs, at Seal Furniture & Systems, I have a strong interest in the growth and development of our area and feel that the proposed relocation would be a giant step towards that goal, in that it would create an "all around" positive economic boost.

Having recently moved here from San Jose/Sunnyvale, California, I have found my or reggs cost of living, particularly housing, is much lower, and I enjoy my surroundings and pace of life much more. Working as a volunteer for the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Council I can attest that these two entities, along with the city and county offices, are working together and are committed to the continued improvement of our business climate and quality of life here in Colorado Springs.

15.10 I speak on behalf of Seal Furniture & Systems in looking forward to welcoming you to the beautiful Pikes Peak Region!

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Heather L. Risley
Marketing Representative

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Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce

1601 LOMAS NORTHWEST • ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87104 • (505) 843-9063

1990 EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND BOARD MEMBERS

September 7, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

On behalf of the Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce and its Board of Directors, I would like to take this opportunity to endorse our support for the relocation of the Air Force Space Systems Division to Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque. 15.10

Our City has become one of the nation's most progressive cities in terms of business growth and economic development. As business leaders, our interest for new terms of growth is constant. By relocating the Space Systems Division to Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque's employment base would be broadened extensively and our community as a whole would benefit.

Quality of life continues to be of major importance to our community and its citizens and we welcome the possibility of increasing economic development opportunities for Albuquerque and for the Space Systems Division.

[illegible] the possibility of forming a strong partnership between the Air Force Space Systems Division and the Albuquerque business community. Please feel free to contact me at the Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce if I can be of any assistance to you.

Sincerely,

President

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GTEL GTE

Post Office Box 5095
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360-5095

Please Reply To
9100 -
Thousand Oaks, CA

September 10, 1990

Lt Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environment Division
AFBCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt Col. Bartol,

This letter is in response and support to a memo I received regarding the possibility of the personnel at the Los Angeles Air Force Operations Facility relocating to Vandenburg Air Force Base.

15.10 I am expressing my advocacy, for the relocation, on behalf of GTEL Retail Operations, which oversees the operation of the GTE Phone Mart in the Santa Maria Town Center

Our Phone Mart is an active supporter of the Santa Maria Chamber of Commerce and other community organizations, we are proud to be associated with this great community.

The right choice is Vandenburg Air Force Base.

Sincerely,

T. S. Massey
Area Director-
Consumer/Small Business

TSM clr

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Vandenburg Village Association

38858 Constellation Road
Lompoc, California 93436

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFBCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA. 92409

4/1/90

SUBJECT: Proposed Relocation of SSD-LA and BMO

The Board of Directors of the Vandenberg Village Association would concur in the move of the subject USAF organizations provided the significant environmental impacts can be satisfactorily mitigated. 15.10

It is recognized that the move of the LA organizations may be of great operational benefit to the USAF. Certainly, the increase in jobs this move brings would be of great economic benefit to many individuals and businesses in this area.

With specific reference to the EIS covering the relocation, there are several areas of major concern: water, increased traffic, school capacity and biological resources. Emergency services for Vandenberg Village have historically lagged accepted levels. Ambulance service, fire protection and police protection here been lower than Santa Barbara County standards would normally provide. An increase in population would require these services to be upgraded. 4.8

It is felt the final EIS must show satisfactory mitigation for these areas of significant impact.

Richard R. Luce, President
Vandenberg Village Association Board of Directors

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9/8/90

15.10 What effect might the Central Arizonia Project have on the water supply of the Lompoc Valley? The answer has bearing on this area's capacity for growth and on the desirability of State water versus alternatives such as desalinization or conservation.

Upon completion of the Central Arizonia Project, as ordered by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1963, California must transfer to Arizonia a million acre feet of Colorado River water that California is presently utilizing. Counties of Southern California which will be hard hit by this loss are already connected to the state water Project. It is easy to imagine a perhaps but rapidly growing and politically powerful Southern California tapping deeper into the State water Project (SWP). How would this effect the reliability of State water should the Central Coast decide to participate? State water could become oversubscribed. In fact without providing for the loss of water to Arizonia, the SWP's own figures anticipate a good possibility of oversubscription within 10 years and that is with continued development of SWP supply sources such as new dams. The Supreme Court ruled (96) case because the Colorado was oversubscribed. Sixteen and a half million acre feet were allocated to Mexico and seven states from a river which flows only 14.6 million acre feet (re Colorado River see water The .est Great Resource Battle by Lawrence Pringle).

The Central Arizonia Project is expected to soon reduce the presently consumed water supply of Southern California. Yet elected officials I have spoken with seem unaware of this significant impending development. Neither do these considerations receive mention in the draft EIR of

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the State water Project Coastal Branch, Phase II and Mission Hills Extension nor the DRaft EIS of the Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AFB and Relocation of Space Systems Division.

Although the State water report does not deal with the loss of Colorado River water, it does contain statistics which can illustrate how significant the loss will be. Remember, California will lose over a million acre feet of water to Arizonia. The SWP's "current firm yield during an extended seven-year dry period is about 2.4 million AF/YR." Furthermore the SWP anticipates by the year 2000 (assuming normal rain conditions and continued supply source enlargement of the system) it can deliver only 3.7 AF/YR. Therefore a 1 million AF/YR loss of the Colorado River supply to Arizonia should not be ignored.

Sincerely,

Lawrence S. Riemer, MD

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City of El Segundo

CARL JACOBSON, Mayor *SCOT D. DANNEN, Mayor Pro Tem*

Council Members
ALAN WEST *JIM CLUTTER* *J. B. WISE*

September 11, 1990

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Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director of Programs and Environmental
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Re: United States Air Force Base/Space Systems Division
Proposed Closure/Relocation

Dear Sirs:

15.2 As a follow-up to our responses to both the Local Economic Consequences Study and the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, we are pleased to enclose a copy of the resolution unanimously adopted on September 6, 1990 by the 84 cities comprising the Los Angeles Division of the League of California Cities. This resolution will now go before the State League of California Cities at the State Conference in Anaheim on October 21-24, 1990. The enclosed is indicative of the strong support to retain the USAFB/SSD in El Segundo and to resolve the housing problem.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl Jacobson,
Mayor

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cc: Col. Edwin W. A. Peura
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RESOLUTION
OF
LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES
(LOS ANGELES COUNTY DIVISION)

A RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES, LOS ANGELES COUNTY DIVISION, IN SUPPORT OF RETAINING THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE/SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AT ITS PRESENT LOCATION AND EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE AIR FORCE BASE, INCLUDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

WHEREAS, there is a budget-cutting consideration by the Department of Defense to relocate the Los Angeles Air Force Base/Space Systems Division from its present location in California, to other areas of the Western states, i.e. Colorado Springs, Colorado; Albuquerque, New Mexico; which relocation is estimated to cost the government up to $1 billion dollars to rebuild the existing educational and research and development facilities already in place; and

WHEREAS, loss of this Base would result not only in a very serious and adverse impact on the Los Angeles and Southern California economy and environment (including the loss of over 7200 jobs with a annual payroll of $327 million dollars; loss of $382 million dollars per year in local goods and services; an estimated $7 billion dollars in lost contracts to aerospace suppliers in the Los Angeles Basin alone; and loss of tax revenues necessary for the support of our cities); but the ramifications would be state-wide in that jobs and income will be taken out of California; and

WHEREAS, an action plan and a coordinated and concerted state-wide effort to help the Los Angeles Air Force Base/Space Systems Division Officials identify solutions to retain the Base in California, such as affordable housing for military families, is of utmost necessity;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DIVISION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES, assembled in Pico Rivera on September 6, 1990, DOES RESOLVE:

1. To support the retention of the United States Air Force Base/Space Systems Division in the State of California and to pursue every reasonable option to retain the Los Angeles Air Force Base/Space Systems Division at its present location, including the construction of affordable housing units to accommodate military personnel;

2. To urge the State League of Cities to adopt a similar resolution of support in opposition to the proposed relocation.

3. To urge the National League of Cities to adopt a similar resolution of support in opposition to the proposed relocation.

JOHN C. CHAVEZ, PRESIDENT

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September 7, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director of Programs and Environmental
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Norton AFB, California, 92409-6448

Re: Comments - Draft Environmental Impact Statement -
Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AFB and Relocation
of SSD

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I was present during the entire public hearing on the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed closure of the Los Angeles AFB and the relocation of Space Systems Division which was held on September 5, 1990, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. I was impressed by the irrelevance of the comments which were made in opposition to the proposed relocation of SSD and BMO to Peterson AFB, here in Colorado Springs. Much of the opposition was focused either on opposition to the industrial military complex generally, or growth generally. I found this to be particularly unhelpful to the analysis at hand.

As a businessman in Colorado Springs for twenty years, I wish to voice my strong support for a selection by the Department of the Air Force, for the relocation of the Los Angeles AFB and SSD, of Peterson AFB in Colorado Springs. It is inevitable that Colorado Springs will grow, in population and in development as it has through its 115 year history. The impact on our local environment through this growth will be minimized by planned growth and development under the control of an organization such as the Department of the Air Force. Our City, its quality of life, water, air, and infrastructure will benefit from a planned development such as is proposed.

Our new airport facility will be coming on line contemporaneous with the proposed relocation. This will certainly serve to diminish any adverse impact and inconvenience with respect to the mission of the program. Water availability was discussed

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September 7, 1990
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as a potential environmental concern. I agree with the statements made by our Mayor, Robert Isaac, and Gary Cuddeback, the Director of Economic Development for the City of Colorado Springs. Colorado Springs has exemplified good City planning with respect to water availability for the foreseeable future. City officials tend to be conservative with their statements of availability, but those of us in the business community know that, at the present, we have a 50 year supply of water for a metropolitan population of a half a million people. Colorado Springs water is surface water, reservoir held, and is not dependent upon aquifers.

The increased intensity of space development activities in the Colorado Springs metropolitan areas argues strongly for the effective use of future military budgets, consolidation of resources and location where synergy, not duplication, will be the watchword. Colorado Springs offers this to the Department of the Air Force. 15.10

As a businessman who has been very busy in civic, community, church and military affairs, I would welcome the impact of the proposed relocation as an opportunity for our City to grow in a planned direction, and to provide to the military establishment the economies of scale only available here.

Very truly yours,

Ronald A. Lehmann

RAL/kbf

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U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Aviation Administration

DENVER AIRPORTS DISTRICT OFFICE
[illegible]
Denver, Colorado [illegible]

(303) 286-5527

September 7, 1990

Lieutenant Colonel Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, California 92409-6448

Dear Lieutenant Colonel Bartol:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed closure of the Los Angeles AFB and relocation of the space systems division which we received September 6, 1990.

We have reviewed the proposal from the standpoint of potential impact to or from the operation of Colorado Springs Municipal Airport. Based on this review, it appears that all three alternatives associated with Peterson AFB would receive aircraft noise impacts resulting from the operation of the new runway at the Colorado Springs Municipal Airport.

3.3 Of particular concern would be if the military planned any residential structures at the alternative sites. The military has asked the City of Colorado Springs to fund the noise insulation of some military residences on Peterson AFB to mitigate significant noise impacts. Early planning based on the knowledge that there will be significant noise impacts on all of the alternative sites should prevent the need for costly mitigative measures in the future.

3.4 You should be aware that the City of Colorado Springs is seriously considering the implementation of a right hand departure off the north end of the new runway. Should this be implemented, it is likely that a large portion of alternative site 3 will be impacted by 65 and 70 ldn contours. The FAA would consider government office structures within the 70 ldn incompatible unless measures to achieve 25 db noise level reduction were incorporated into the design and construction of the structures.

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Aside from noise considerations, any planning for structures located on any of the three alternative sites should include protection of the airport operations from the standpoint of preventing obstructions and preventing visual and electronic interference. 3.5

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment. Should a Peterson AFB alternative be chosen for the planned relocation, we would be happy to assist your planning efforts to maintain compatibility with the Colorado Springs Municipal Airport.

Sincerely,

Barbara Johnson
Environmental Planner

cc: COS Muni (Gary Green)

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Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director of Programs and Environmental
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
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Dear Sir:

At the public hearing held at Cabrillo High school, Lompoc on August 28, 1990 it was indicated that one objective of these hearings is to provide local input.

The day following your hearing the attached column "Settlers Life was arduous", by Elise Chenoweth appeared in the Santa Barbara News-Press.

I request this column be made part of the Environmental Impact Statement.

10.6 I believe this column clearly shows that by the introducing plants and water into the area, the area has been changed for the better. Consequently the impact of additional people upon water resources should also take into account the introduction by man of state water into the area as well as other possible sources of water. This man made intervention is a continuation of processes that have improved the environment over the past [illegible] years.

Desalinization plant also be considered. While normally this energy intensive method is [illegible] the environmental impact of having an atomic power plant in the area suggests some interesting engineering approaches.

Yours truly,

Dan Pilgreen
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Santa Maria Ca.
93455

Attachment to Document 81

Wednesday, August 29, 1990

Now and then

Elise Chenoweth

Settlers' life was arduous

The matchless Spanish name Santa Maria brings to mind romantic images of Mexican land grants with acres of grazing cattle tended by bareback vaqueros. However, this overlaid layer of mañana California took shockingly few moments of great determination to wrest it from a relatively wild and desolate frontier place.

The Spanish long presided in sandy regions because it seemed too rugged to tame. Shifting sand driven by Pacific winds blowing off of the ocean bounced mountainwards across the forbidding barren surface. It was not until the 1870s that American settlers began to build and farm in the watered land of the Central Coast.

Lumber had to be shipped from San Francisco and hauled by wagon over roads paved with stone to keep the wagons from sinking in the deep sand. Wild horses trampled and ground cultivated fields before farmers could keep them out. In the early 1870s thousands of horses were killed by frustrated farmers protecting their crops, and wild grass devoured whole fields of grain in one night.

During 1873, according to Santa Maria historians, grasshoppers descended in clouds to devastate the land and drive the animals mad. They decimated each year what they seemed to be a problem, but real disaster often happens so fast that the eggs can "would look as though they were running loose."

Devastating weed-driven prairie fires blaze across the land in the summer and fall. Settlers surrounding themselves dislocated people. They hauled water from the river four to eight miles away in wagons carrying three wooden barrels at a time.

The human spirit prevails though and as times relaxed, and hardiness took fortune would broke the drudgery of hard work. Townsfolk gathered at Oak Park for dancing and drinking on many occasions.

In 1870 and 1880 after hauling down as much up to the limit of his wagon would, James P. Dominguez planned over 43,000 overlapping seedlings. Those trees, purchased from Joseph Chapman's nursery in Solano for one cent each, flourished and many people still shade fruits and trees the wind today.

The planning instilled the breed and weather enough to allow the citizens of Santa Maria, or as it was first called La Graciosa. Actually La Graciosa remained mainly of squatter's rancho that stood near present day Orcutt. In 1877 R.H. Newhall purchased the property and subsequently learned the town to the ground. He erected the residents who then migrated to Guadalupe and the budding town of Graciosa.

The name Graciosa survived until Rudolph Cook, John Thornburgh, Isaac Foster, and Isaac Yoder changed it to Central City. Historians disagree as to why they chose the name but in 1888, after the post office kept mixing up the mail from Central City, Colorado, the city fathers changed the name once again to Santa Maria, after Santa Maria Rancho east of town.

Wells drilled into a vertical underground river provided ample water for irrigation, turning the coastal plain into a "valley of gardens." When Union Sugar built a refinery in 1897 the area's agriculture became fully established, and today its produce Frontier past can hardly be imagined.

Elise Chenoweth is a Santa Barbara freelance writer.

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Transportation Now

Vol. 1, No. 2 / Summer 1990

"Covering the Inland Region of Southern California"

Up to Five Inland Empire Cities Selected as Candidates for Super Speed Train Terminals

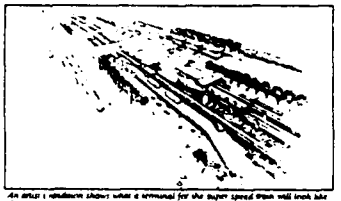
The route for a super speed train from Las Vegas to Anaheim, proposed by a partnership led by Bechtel International Inc. of San Francisco, includes stations in up to five cities in the Inland Empire.

The Bechtel group -- which was the only bidder for the $3.1 billion project -- expects to place terminals in Corona, the Victor Valley and in Barstow. And the plan has two alternatives that would add stops in either Ontario or in Riverside and Colton.

"It is encouraging to see more than one or two terminals for the Inland Empire," IEEC President Steve PenTell said. "The Bechtel group apparently understands the high growth potential for the Inland Empire and is planning accordingly.

"They have an eye for the future, and the Inland Empire stands to benefit from it," he said. "Its resident will be linked to the most technologically advanced mode of ground transportation that will hopefully keep traffic congestion in the region to a minimum."

Bechtel's proposal is to be reviewed by the California-Nevada Super Speed Train Commission in the coming months and a decision is expected at the end of August on whether the super speed train commission's director should negotiate an agreement with Bechtel's group, which is calling itself the Super Speed Magley Transport (SSMT). If that occurs, a final draft of that agreement would then be reviewed by the commission in October.



An artist's rendition shows what a terminal for the super speed train will look like. The $3 billion project, if a franchisee is selected and can find financing for it, is estimated to be completed by 1999.

Magnetic levitation (maglev) technology would be used to whisk passengers at speeds of up to 300 mph between the two areas. Maglev trains are currently operated as prototypes in

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IEEC Members, Transportation Directors Stress Priorities to Legislators at Sacramento Meeting

Members of the Inland Empire Economic Council Transportation Task Force met with the region's state legislators in Sacramento in early August to discuss which transportation projects and issues were of highest priority.

The intention of the meeting was to give the legislators the private sector's point of view concerning the seven-way State Transportation Improvement Plan with the hope that they hear a unified voice from the Inland Empire and work together to achieve the same goals.

"The meeting was well-attended, and I was pleased with the legislators' interest in the IEEC's concerns," said Martin Marsh, chairman of the IEEC Transportation Task Force. "I think we were effective in communicating to them which transportation projects need the most attention and those that need the highest priority in terms of Proposition 111 dollars."

Some of those top priority projects are purchasing right-of-way for the Foothill (30) Freeway from San Dimas to San Bernardino; widening Baseline Avenue from Los Angeles County line to Benson Avenue in Upland; widening of Route 60 from the Interstate 215 junction in Riverside to Redlands

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IEEC QUARTERLY ECONOMIC REPORT

IEEC INLAND EMPIRE ECONOMIC COUNCIL

THE 1990-1991 INLAND EMPIRE ECONOMY:

UP... DOWN... OR SIDEWAYS?

The key will be the impact of federal budget talks and the Kuwaiti invasion on interest rates.

As U.S. economic downturn appears to approach, attention has been focused on the Inland Empire's economy and the increasing evidence that the regional economy is following its counterparts in southern California toward the fact that the Inland Empire's dynamic growth has benefitted from the longest economic upswing in U.S. history.

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM: INLAND EMPIRE WILL OUT-PERFORM OTHER AREAS

Conventional wisdom indicates that even if the U.S. economy declines, Southern California's diverse Pacific Rim base will continue to allow some expansion. Further that within Southern California the Inland Empire's rapid population and business growth will cause it to out-perform other areas.

The understand of the Inland Empire is that strongly situated it is necessary to identify which sectors of its economy provide growth momentum to determine how they are being affected by regional trends and to project what these answers mean to the Inland Empire's immediate future.

First, however, it is important to recognize what has recently been happening to the U.S. Southern California and Inland Empire economies.

U.S. ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN?

Recent data show that the U.S. economy has had the most consecutive quarters (nine or under) of growth without a downturn of any period in history. In the 2nd-Qtr 1990, growth was only 1.2% down from 1.7% in the 1st-Qtr. In June unemployment jumped to 5.5%.

[illegible] one answer for sure. However, several dark clouds have on the horizon.

First, business can not invest in new equipment or projects without loans. Yet the federal deficit with added borrowing for the S&L debacle is taking a growing share of the available funds. Bank regulations have compounded the problem by restricting the loans bankers can make. Some foreign funds which have filled the gap are now going elsewhere due to higher Japanese interest rates and investment in East Germany. The results have been high U.S. interest rates and falling business spending.

Second, while the collapse of communism promises to free national resources for more productive pursuits in the long haul, in the short run a defense sector downturn is underway with no employee offset.

Third, a service orientation has led to less than anticipated state and local tax revenues as evidenced by the recent state budget battle. Thus spending from those sectors cannot be counted on to spur growth in 1990-1991.

Finally, consumers in reaction to a barrage of negative economic news appear to have reduced their rate of spending growth. The housing sector in particular has been hurt.

On the positive side, a federal deficit reduction deal may be in the works. And the rate of inflation appears to be decreasing. If these facts prove out the Federal Reserve Bank has more room to maneuver to expand credit and lower interest rates, though the recent implications of the Kuwaiti invasion may make this impossible. Finally, the international trade sector has been cleaning clothes to the economy's hole orders for commercial aircraft are helping create defense jobs.

Thus, while the national news is not good, it does provide a mixture of signals.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA VULNERABILITY

While citing the importance of Southern California's diversity, analysts are warned by simultaneous strains affecting the region's real estate, state government, tourism, aircraft and other manufacturing sectors.

There wonders whether increases in lower paying service jobs, the international trade sector and the growing underground economy, together with transfers of wealth to the region from

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DATE: August 30, 1990

TO: Space Systems Division

FROM: Regional Properties, Inc.
(Mission Grove aka Alessandro Heights)
/BOI 3990 CONCHA PARK EAST, SUITE 210, LAWRENCE, CA 92067 210 553-1776

RE: Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Regional Properties, Inc., a major Riverside developer, owns the master planned business and residential community contiguous to the Site #1 area of March Air Force Base. The property is being developed under the name Mission Grove previously known as the Alessandro Heights specific plan. Regional, its principals, affiliates, and associates fully support the relocation of Space Systems Division and its supporting units to March Air Force Base.

13.5

Siting Constraints and Requirements There is concern that development of portions of Site 1 may be restricted or limited due to the Stephens Kangaroo Rat that is on a federal list of endangered species. In conducting a comprehensive survey of over 550 acres of Mission Grove, the biology firm of RBR & Associates, Inc. determined that the Stephens Kangaroo Rat does not occur in the areas east of Trautwein Road with the exception of a single kangaroo rat located adjacent to the open space of our Mission Grove 550 acre master planned business and residential community.

3.6

Accessibility Pointed out is the existing access from Cactus Avenue. There are other points of access as follows:

1. Barton Street via Alessandro Boulevard would provide good access to Site 1 since Barton Street is already improved to the Air Force Base property.

2. There is a common property boundary between Regional's property and March Air Force Base which is quite extensive. Regional would be very cooperative in the design of road access within our development to accommodate ingress and egress to Site 1 through Alessandro Boulevard, Mission Grove Parkway and Trautwein Road. Alessandro Boulevard and Trautwein Road are improved and are currently being widened by the City of Riverside. Mission Grove Parkway is currently in the process of construction with completion scheduled for all of these improvements by the end of the year.

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Adjacent Land Uses It is pointed out that Regional Properties' Mission Grove is comprised of approved land uses that will support the facilities of Space System Division, its subcontractors and housing for employees and their families. A breakdown of these uses approved under a specific plan approved by the City of Riverside are as follows:

1. Approximately 300 acres are zoned for the business park i.e. (M-1 light industrial). The first phase of the business park amounting to some 50 acres is currently being developed.

2. A 42 acre commercial property will contain a 400,000 square foot community shopping center anchored by K-Mart, Ralphs Grocery, and Payless Drugs. The project will begin next spring with completion scheduled in the fall of 199..

5.4

3. Approximately 650 apartment/condominium units will be built over a 3 year period beginning next year along with greenbelts, bicycle paths, etc. throughout the entire project. These units are in addition to the low density 328 unit project on the north side of Alessandro Boulevard currently being built and developed by Mission Grove as well as some 200 single family residential units planned for construction next year on the east side of Trautwein Road.

In summary, our support for Space Systems Division moving to March Air Force Base is strong. We believe that any impact questions can be mitigated without serious problems. The location is excellent and the requirements for Space Systems Division can be met effectively. Finally, it is important to note that our Mission Grove property adjacent to the Air Force Base is extremely compatable with and will meet the needs of the Air Force Space Systems Division its subcontractors and employees very well.

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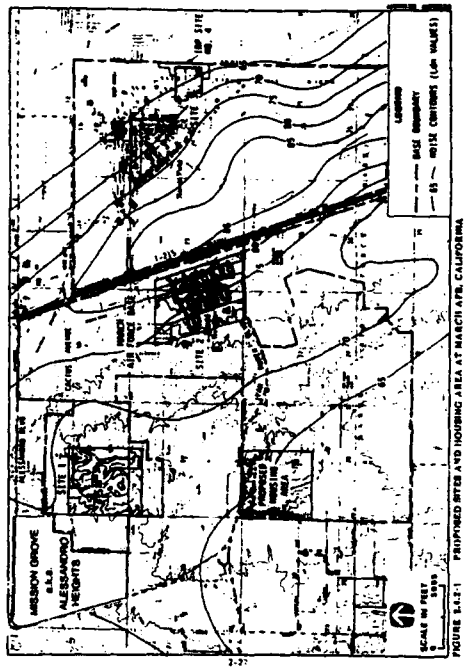
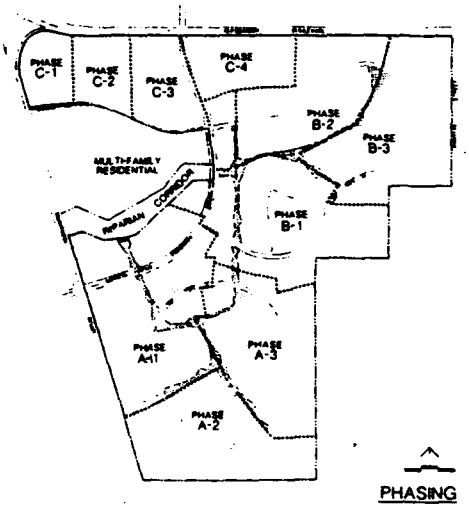


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PHASING

MISSION GROVE

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RBR & Associates, Inc.

REPORT OF A SURVEY FOR DIPODOMYS STEPHENSI
OVER THE 550-ACRE MISSION GROVE PROPERTY
CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

ABSTRACT

A directed survey of the 550-acre Mission Grove Property was conducted to determine the presence or absence of the Stephens' Kangaroo Rat. The majority of the site has been used in intensive agriculture over the last several decades and is not presently occupied by, nor does it provide suitable habitat for, Dipodomys stephensi. Portions of the site, however, are not in active agricultural use nor have been in the last several years and presently support populations of the species.

BACKGROUND

The Mission Grove properties are located within Section 17, Range 4 West, Township 3 South, in the Allesandro Heights area of the City of Riverside. The site is bordered on the east by urban residential development and the northwest corner of March Air Force Base, on the entire southerly border by an active orange orchard, on the west by a scattered urban development in both an urban and rural context and on the north by Allesandro Boulevard, a prime arterial. Land uses to the north of Allesandro Boulevard vary from vacant to industrial to residential.

The entire site is underlain by Tonalite of the Southern California Batholith. The site itself is located on the Perris erosional surface. Depth to bedrock is shallow and residual boulders of Tonalite outcrop frequently across the surface of the site (see Rogers, 1965). The batholithic material is in turn overlain by a variety of sandy loams in both the Fallbrook Series and the Monserate Series (Knecht, 1971). The western portion of the site which is occupied by Kangaroo Rats is underlain by both soil series.

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Virtually all of the site lying easterly of Trautwine Road has been subject to active cultivation within the last six months. Active plowing has been limited only by boulder outcrops in the flatter portions of the site and by gullies that criss-cross the property in a dendritic pattern leading ultimately to a drainage on the west-central property line. The recently plowed areas are devoid of vegetation except for various non-native grasses which are sparsely distributed with occasional specimens of Mustard (Brassica sp.). The various drainages support a riparian strip composed of various species of willow (Salix sp.), and Mule Fat (Baccharis viminea). Active cultivation has extended well inside the military reservation boundary that delimits the southeastern portion of the property. Vegetation westerly of Trautwine Road is reflective of past agriculture but has not been disturbed in the last several years. Ground cover is variable depending upon the age to most recent disturbance, but is generally composed of various adventitious native and non-native species including various Bromes (Bromus sp.), Rabbitbrush (Haplopappus sp.), Flat-topped Buckwheat (Eriogonum fasciculatum), various Mustards (Brassica sp.), Filaree (Erodium sp.), and Coastal Sage Brush (Artemesia californica). As is the case to the east, drainages are occupied by riperian strips. All of the drainage courses are entrenched and there was flowing water present during the latter survey periods.

The Stephens' Kangaroo Rat (Dipodomys stephensi) is designated as a threatened species by the State of California, and has been recently listed as endangered under the Federal Endangered Species Act (Fish and Wildlife Service, 1988). The Mission Grove site lies southerly of Sycamore Canyon and easterly of the Allesandro Heights area proper: both areas are known to support extensive populations of the Stephens' Kangaroo Rat. In addition, there is a large population of the species known to occur within the boundary of March Air Force Base.

Within suitable habitat, The Stephens' Kangaroo Rat can be identified by the presence of burrows, scats (feces), tracks and tail drags, and runways (Gustafson, 1988; Hoy, 1988). Trapping per se is not necessary to determine the presence or absence of this species, assuming favorable habitat and surveying conditions. A lack of all of the above identified sign is sufficiently conclusive as to the absence of the species. Because of the marked partitioning of habitats by Stephens' Kangaroo Rat and by the more abundant Pacific Kangaroo Rat (Dipodomys agilis) it is possible to speak with a high degree of certainty as to which species is present given the vegetative habitat present. There are no habitats suitable for the Pacific Kangaroo Rat within the boundaries of the site nor were any observed within a mile or more radius of the site.

PROCEDURES

An intensive pedestrian survey of the property was conducted on several field days during December 1988, and early January 1989. Approximately ten miles of linear transects were walked during the course of the survey. The survey was focused specifically on those areas which afforded a suitable habitat for the Stephens' Kangaroo Rat. All boulder outcrops in the agricultural fields were checked under the assumption that relictual populations might reside in the interior of the agricultural fields. In addition, the northerly boundary of the site was checked in some detail due to its proximity to known populations in Sycamore Canyon and the southeasterly corner of the property was checked in detail due its proximity to undisturbed and suitable habitats within the military reservation of March Air Force Base.

Due to the lack of any habitat deemed suitable for the Pacific Kangaroo Rat, trapping was not deemed to be appropriate to determine the species present on site. As would be expected given the autecology of the species, Stephens' Kangaroo Rats were found only in disturbed but partially vegetated sites. Sites

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totally lacking in vegetation were not occupied nor were sites densely overgrown to the point of exclusion of bare soil patches.

RESULTS

The area westerly of Trautwine Road does not contain Stephens' Kangaroo Rat, with one exception. A single individual was located at the southerly edge of a large central drainage where it was crossed by a powerline and pipeline easement (see Figure 3). This individual was clearly identified based on an active burrow set and numerous droppings assignable to the genus Dipodomys. An intensive survey was made of the area surrounding this individual but no other Kangaroo Rats were found. It is felt with a high degree of certainty that this was literally the only individual in the area westerly of Trautwine Road (see Figure 2).

Relative to the area easterly of Trautline Road, an intensive effort was made to find other burrows assignable to Kangaroo Rats. The area immediately south of Allesandro Road, being in closer proximity to Sycamore Canyon than other areas of the property, was intensely surveyed to determine if any individuals remained along the road/field edge border. No Stephens' Kangaroo Rat were identified in this area. That strip immediately south of Allesandro had been recently graded (within the last year) for the construction of underground utilities. This activity probably eliminated any useable edge habitat suitable for the species. Similarly, boulder outcrops forming "islands" within the large tracts of active agricultural land were examined for the presence of the species. Although California Ground Squirrel (Spermophilus beecheyi) were abundant, few other rodent sign were noted. Those seen were clearly assignable to either the Valley Pocket Gopher (Thomomys bottae) or to species of either Pocket Mice (Perognathus sp.) or the White-footed Mice (Peromyscus sp.). In that the Stephens' Kangaroo Rat has been noted by other workers (including this author) utilizing both the burrows of

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squirrels and gophers, all such openings were checked carefully for the presence of scat; none was found.

The area to the southeast of the Mission Grove properties is known to support Stephens' Kangaroo Rat. A fairly large population of the species occurs within portions of March Air Force Base. With this thought in mind, an intensive survey of the southeasterly portion of the property was conducted. Active agriculture has apparently extended on a land-lease (?) basis onto a substantial portion of the military reservation. This activity has denyed much of the southeasterly area to habitation by the species. The only Stephens' Kangaroo Rats were noted well inside the military reservation boundary (at least one-quarter mile outside the subject property boundary) immediately below the weapons depot (see Figure 2).

The areas lying westerly of Trautwine Road are largely occupied by the Stephens' Kangaroo Rat. The extreme southwestern corner of the property, that lying south of the power easement, west of Trautwine, north of the orange orchards and easterly of the existing development line (see Figure 2) is occupied by a fairly large population of the species. Seventy-eight burrow complexes were noted during the course of the survey, however, this number does not represent a total count and is only indicative of the population level within that area. The area extending northerly of the power line corridor, south of the primary drainage course, and westerly of Trautline Road is also occupied by the species but at a much lower intensity. With approximately the same survey effort as at the more southerly parcel, approximately twenty to thirty burrow complexes were noted. Similarly, this is not an absolute count but rather a relative indication of the species abundance in this area. Northerly of the central drainage and west of Trautline Road, no burrow complexes were noted. This is probably due to the level of disturbance in this area and/or the closed nature of the existing vegetation. This latter area is a complex matrix of recently disturbed lands and heavy older

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vegetation. It is possible that one or two individuals of the species occur in this latter area, but they were not noted during the course of the survey.

ANALYSIS

The bulk of the Mission Grove properties has been subject to recent (less than one year) and extensive (presumptively several decades) cultivation. As such, it does not constitute useable habitat for Dipodomys stephensi and it is not presently occupied by that species.

Known population of the Stephens' kangaroo Rat are effectively isolated to the north by Allesandro Boulevard or are isolated from the property to the southeast by an extensive area of agriculture extending onto the military reservation (and off the project site).

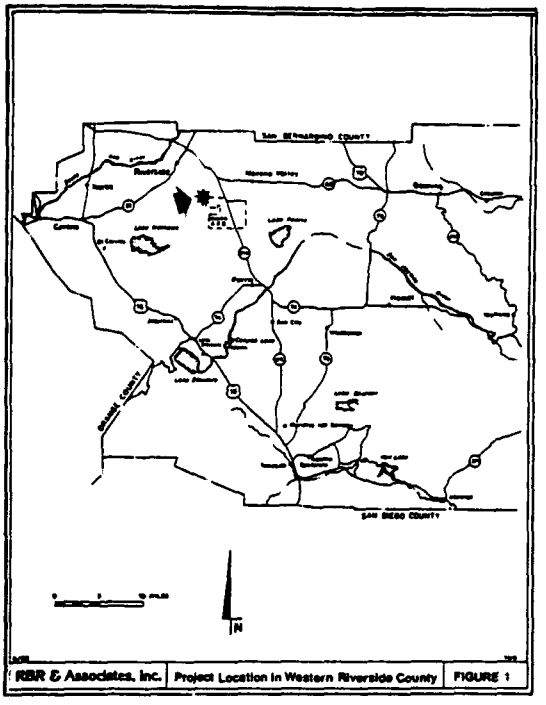
Areas westerly of Trautline Road are presently occupied by medium to low populations of the endangered species. Disposition of this latter area must await issuance of a Section-10A permit under the terms and conditions of the Federal Endangered Species Act.

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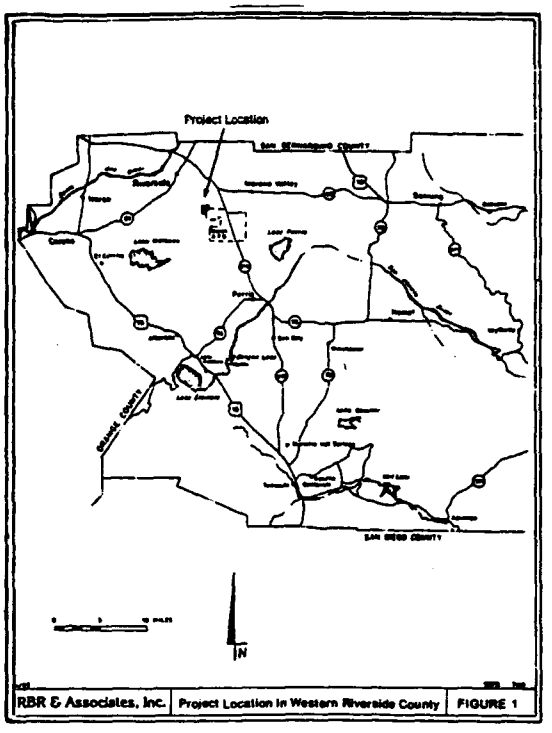
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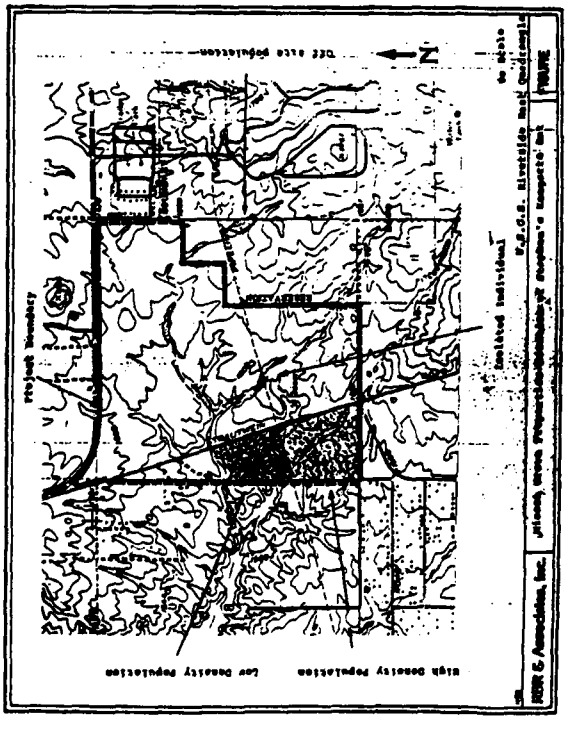
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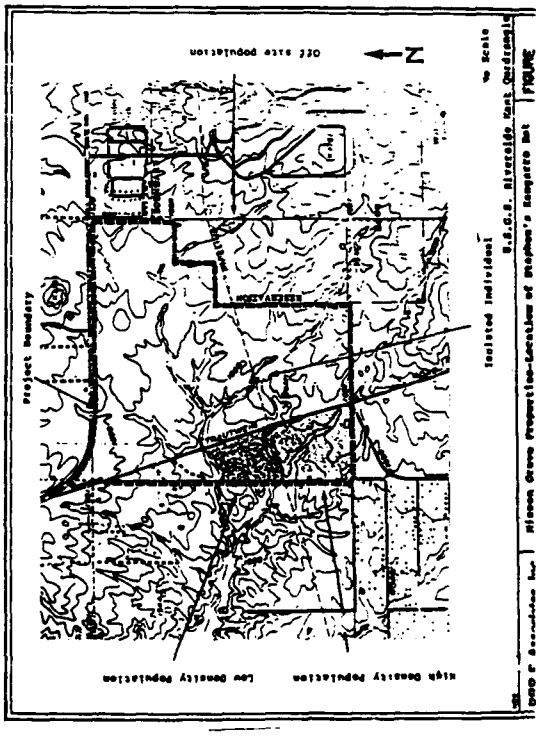
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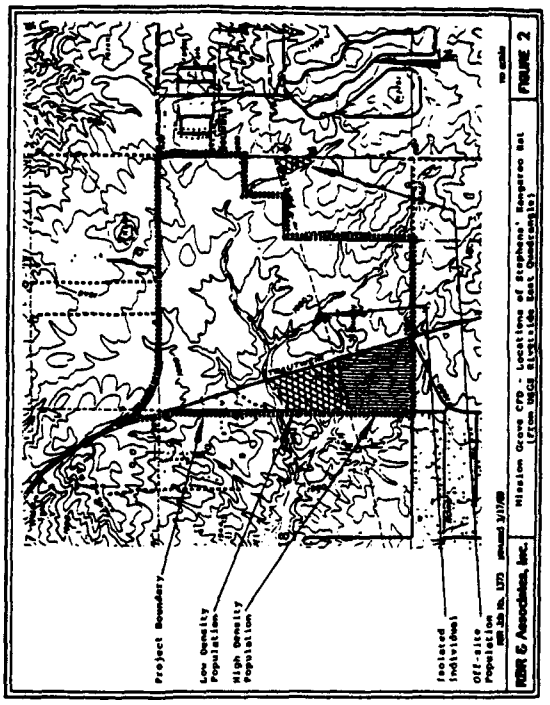
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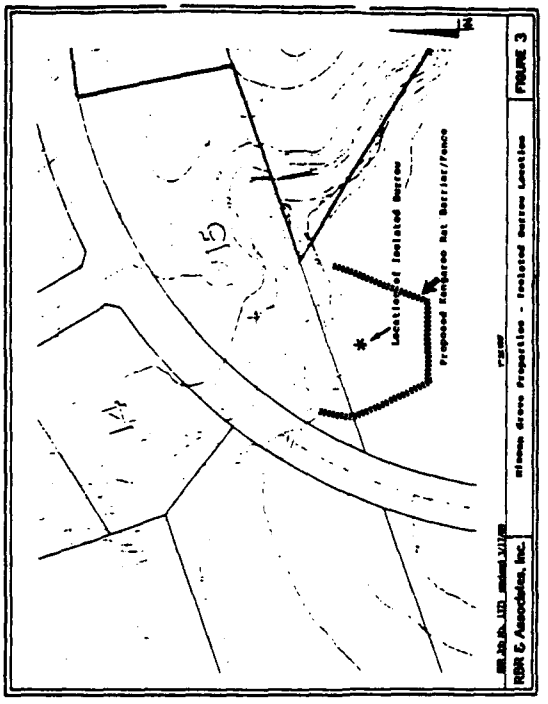
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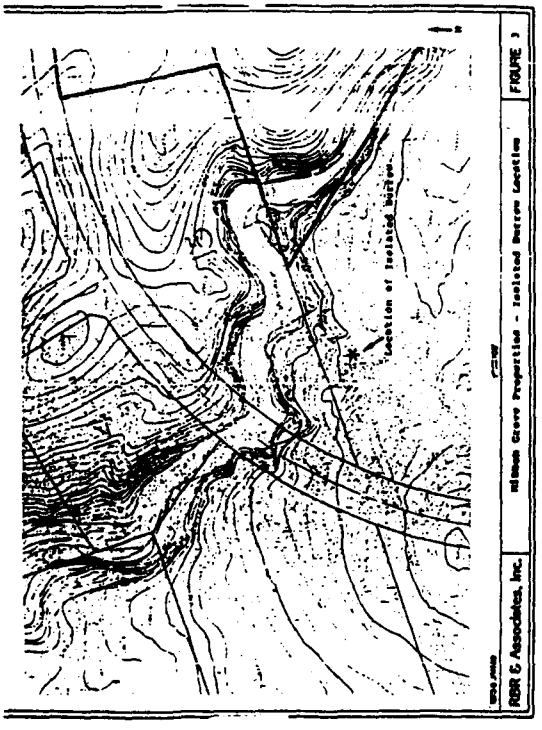
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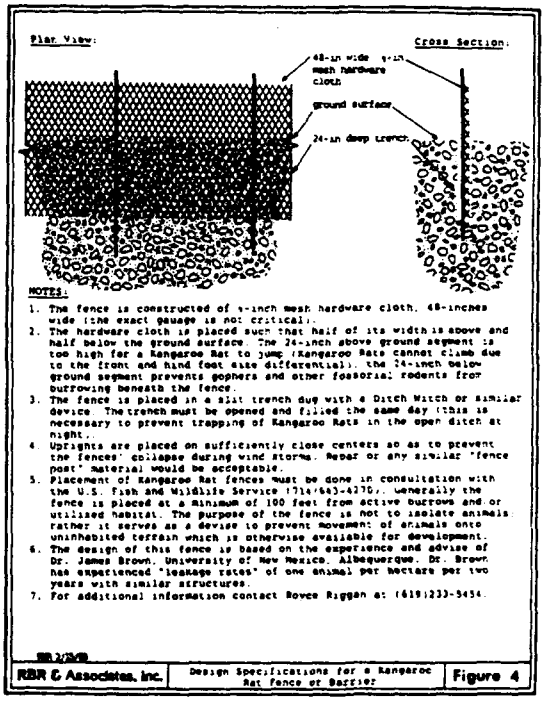
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RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
TESTIMONY ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR PROPOSED CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND
RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION

AUGUST 30, 1990 PUBLIC HEARING
RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

My name is Jack Reagan and I am the Executive Director of the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC). Our Commission was created by special legislation in 1976 and is responsible for specified transportation planning and programming within Riverside County, including development of our county's portion of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). Our program is coordinated through the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), which is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Proposed State highway projects are submitted to the California Transportation Commission for their consideration and inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is responsible for implementing and administering highway projects once they are included in the STIP.

Our Commission is also directly responsible for administering a 1/2% local sales tax, dedicated for specific transportation projects and programs, which was approved by Riverside County voters in November 1988.

The purpose of my testimony will be to provide additional information to that included in the Draft EIS related to highway projects included within the adopted STIP and Measure "A" program, and local street and road programs as related to transportation access to March Air Force Base in Riverside. In addition, my testimony will touch upon the transportation related impacts of increased job development within Riverside County in relation to reducing the need to accommodate commute trips to Los Angeles and Orange counties, and system capacity to accommodate such commutes from those counties to Riverside. Finally, my testimony will touch upon the ability to mitigate potentially adverse traffic impacts through RCTC's programs related to transit and rideshare programs.

1. STIP and Measure "A" Highway Projects

   a. I-215 Freeway Upgrade Project from Perris to Route 60 Junction

The Draft EIS correctly notes on page 3.4-7 that "The California Department of Transportation plans to upgrade Interstate 215, between State Route 60 and the base, to freeway standards." However, it appears that the "Projected Conditions" data reflected by both Tables 4.4.3-1 and 4.4.3-2 do not adequately reflect the scope of the I-215 project. 6.8

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Existing Route I-215 between the City of Perris to the Route 60 Junction (2.5 miles with the northern boundary of March AFB approximately 9 miles south of the Rt. 60 Junction) is a four lane expressway type facility (2 lanes in each direction) with at grade signalized crossings at major streets and direct access by numerous local streets and adjoining properties. The I-215 project will not only upgrade the highway to full interstate freeway standards, to eliminate the conflict of at grade crossings and direct property access, but will also increase the facility from four lanes to six lanes (3 lanes in each direction). Exhibit 1 shows the general extent of the I-215 freeway upgrade project and Exhibit 2 shows the project more specifically related to March AFB.

RCTC had Bechtel Civil Inc., review Tables 3.4.3-1, 4.4.3-1, and 4.4.3-2 to determine if the Draft EIS "Project Conditions" forecasts of traffic volume to capacity ratios (V/C) and Level of Service (LOS) adequately reflect the I-215 freeway upgrade project. Bechtel's conclusions are as follows: 6.8

Interstate 15	1996 "Projected Conditions" Base V/C	LOS	Site 1 V/C	LOS	Site 2 V/C	LOS
Alessandro to CA 60	.56	A	.62	B	.62	B
Alessandro to Van Buren	.56	A	.69	B	.66	B
South of Van Buren	.59	A	.63	B	.63	B

Bechtel's conclusions are based upon a six-lane freeway capacity of 120,000 vehicles per day. The EIS assumes a capacity of 80,000 vehicles per day for the existing four lane state highway with at grade intersections. The EIS then assumes a capacity of only 86,000 vehicles per day for the improved six-lane freeway project.

Bechtel's estimate of 120,000 vehicles per day for the improved I-215 project is reasonable in relation to comparable existing freeway segments. For example, Caltrans 1989 published traffic volumes document over 130,000 vehicles per day on I-215 between the 60/I-215 connection and the 60/91/I-215 interchange; congestion, at 11,600 vehicles per hour, now occurs only during the peak hour.

The I-215 freeway upgrade project also includes freeway to local major street interchanges at both Cactus Avenue (which page 3.4-7 of the Draft EIS describes as providing access to the West and Main gates of March AFB), and Alessandro Boulevard.

The Environmental Impact Statement for the I-215 freeway upgrade project was certified by the Federal Highways

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Administration on February 1, 1988, and the California Transportation Commission has committed all needed funding for the project. Caltrans anticipates advertising for the project by December 1990 and awarding the contract by March 1991. It is anticipated that the I-215 freeway project will be completed by July 1993.

By 1993, I-215 should provide excellent access to March AFB.

   b. Other Measure "A" and STIP Projects

In addition to the I-215 project between Perris and the Route 60 junction, the adopted STIP includes other projects which would directly improve mobility with the western Riverside County area, including commute trips to and in the vicinity of March AFB. Included as Exhibit 3 is a listing of those projects. Exhibit 4 is a listing of other projects which we anticipate will be approved by the California Transportation Commission as part of the 1992 STIP update; this anticipation is based upon our discussions with CTC and Caltrans staff responsible for preparing recommendations to CTC. In addition to these projects, we also anticipate that a project on Route 91 from the Orange County line west to Route 55 and further west to Route 57 to add high-occupancy vehicle lanes will also be included in the 1992 STIP. CTC is scheduled to formally act on staff's recommendation on September 26, 1990. I will submit subsequent written comments by your September 24, 1990 deadline to verify such action. 6.9

2. Local Street and Road Projects

The FHWA approved design for the I-215 freeway upgrade project includes some improvements to Cactus Avenue and Alessandro Boulevard. Cactus Avenue will be widened for approximately one-half mile east of the interchange; Alessandro will be widened for approximately 1000 feet on each side of the interchange.

In addition, 40% of the Measure "A" 1/2% funds are to be allocated to cities and the county for local street and road projects. Proposition 111, approved statewide by voters in June 1990, also dramatically increases state gas tax subventions to local governments. Commitment of these funds by local governments is the result of annual capital improvement programming decisions. In light of the potential employment potential for relocation of SED functions to March, it is reasonable to assume that the cities of Riverside and Moreno Valley and the County of Riverside should commit to required improvements to Alessandro and Van Buren to mitigation local traffic impacts identified by Tables 4.4.3-1 and 4.4.3-2 of the EIS. It is possible that such commitments may be secured by the September 24, 1990 deadline for written 6.10

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comments on this EIS.

3. Relationship of SSD Job Development in Riverside to Commuting Patterns

At the present time, there is a tremendous imbalance between jobs and housing in the western Riverside County area. Many people who work in Los Angeles and Orange Counties come to Riverside County for more affordable housing. Although no specific numbers are known to me, I believe it is reasonable to conclude that a number of Los Angeles AFB and SSD workers are Riverside County residents who commute to their jobs.

Traffic simulation studies performed by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) indicate that one of the most effective measures to improve traffic conditions within the southern California region would be to seek a better balance between jobs and housing. This strategy is the cornerstone of SCAG Growth Management Plan and is included in the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and SCAG proposed Air Quality Maintenance Plan. Despite the fact that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has taken issue with some of the AQMP provisions, they do support strategies to achieve job/housing balance.

6.11 Although the Draft EIS must focus on the immediate traffic impacts of SSD relocation to March AFB, with resulting higher traffic numbers on I-215 and local access streets, it should be recognized that such relocation should also have the effect of reducing some longer distance trips on already congested freeways (principally Routes 91 and 60) to Los Angeles AFB. It is reasonable to assume that some workers who currently reside within Los Angeles or Orange County would choose to relocate to Riverside County in the event of job relocation, further reducing commuter traffic. Finally, since there is substantial unused highway capacity for reverse commutes (morning commutes from Los Angeles/Orange to Riverside and afternoon/evening return trips), the commute trips for workers who choose not to move from existing Los Angeles or Orange counties residences will be relatively quicker, less stressful, and less polluting.

It would be appropriate for the EIS to consider the traffic impacts of these job development related issues as mitigation to more site specific traffic impacts related to March AFB sites for relocation of SSD.

4. Measure "A" Transit and Ridesharing Programs as Traffic Mitigation Measures

Within the broader southern California region, four counties currently have voter approved local sales tax measures for

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transportation (Riverside, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and San Diego). Each of the individual sales tax plans include funding for Commuter Rail. These counties, plus the counties of Orange and Ventura, which also have sales tax ballot measures pending, have joined together to develop a regional commuter rail system in response to California Senate Bill 1402 (Presley, Statutes of 1990). The Commuter Rail Plan, which is scheduled for completion by December 1990, will assimilate a number of individual commuter rail planning studies, and will include an institutional framework for implementation. Also be advised that California voters approved two rail bond measures in June 1990 which total $2.99 billion for rail projects, including specific funding allocations for intercity and commuter rail for this southern California system.

The Riverside County portion of the SB 1402 Plan will include commuter service on two rail lines - the Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company's (ATSF) San Bernardino Subdivision from San Bernardino through Riverside to Fullerton (Orange County), and the ATSF San Jacinto Subdivision from Riverside to Hemet. RCTC's voter approved Measure "A" Transportation Improvement Plan includes $100 million (1988 dollars) for commuter rail. RCTC and ATSF have contracted with Morrison-Knudsen Engineers to develop a specific plan and program for joint commuter/freight use of the rail lines. Since the San Bernardino Subdivision is the ATSF mainline for freight service to southern California and its use also affects other counties' commuter rail programs, Los Angeles County, Orange County, and San Bernardino County agencies are participating in the study.

Two points are appropriate to note related to commuter rail with reference to the EIS. First, commuter rail service to March AFB is proposed to be provided with the San Jacinto Branch line. Second, although the initial service (up to 6 Riverside Commuter trains per day) would be from Riverside County to Orange and Los Angeles County destinations, the intermediate level of service (7 to 18 Riverside Commuter trains per day) would provide for commute trips from Los Angeles/Orange to Riverside County locations.

6.12 In light of the Measure "A" and state bond funding commitments, RCTC does not believe there is really a question of "if" commuter rail service will exist. Although, the plans and programs have not yet been completed to tell us "when" various levels of commuter rail service will be provided, I believe it is reasonable to assume that such service will exist within the next ten to twenty years. It is appropriate to consider the likelihood of commuter rail service as a mitigation measure for traffic impacts of SSD relocation to March AFB.

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6.13 RCTC's Measure A Plan also includes 5% of total funding for Specialized Transportation Programs. Such programs include financial assistance to stimulate greater use of rideshare, and vanpool and commuter bus programs. Funds are currently accumulating for such purposes which have not been allocated. In light of RCTC's policy support for job/housing balance related strategies, it is reasonable to assume that we should be willing to program such funds for special rideshare, vanpool, and bus pool assistance programs for SSD workers. Such programs are also appropriate as mitigation measures for traffic impacts of SSD relocation to March AFB

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony and input to the EIS process.

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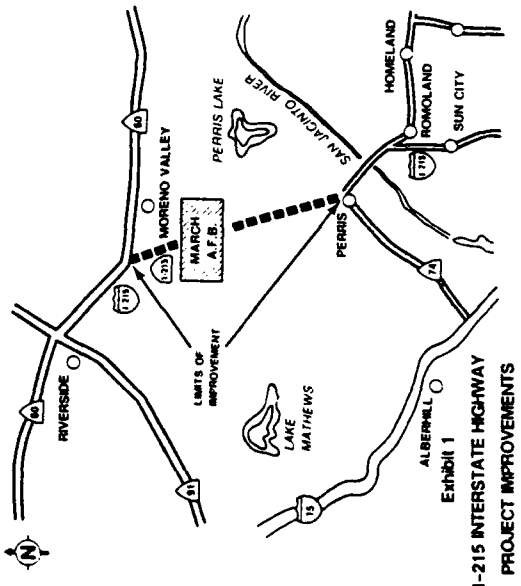


Exhibit 1

I-215 INTERSTATE HIGHWAY

PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS

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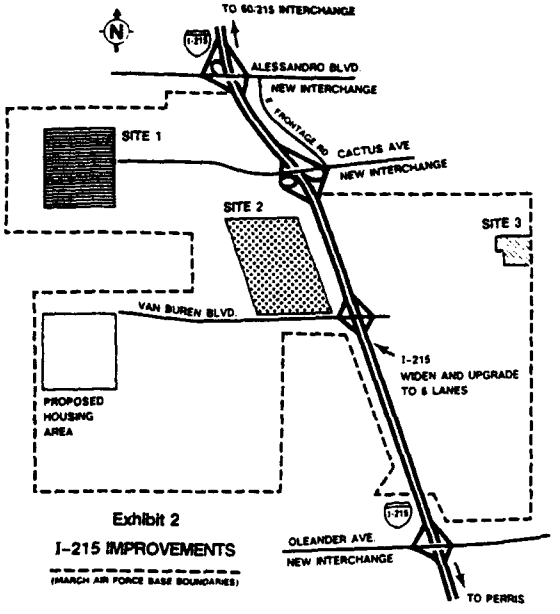


Exhibit 2

I-215 IMPROVEMENTS

(MARCH AIR FORCE BASE BOUNDARIES)

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EXHIBIT 3

ADOPTED STIP PROJECTS

- ROUTE 60 — VALLEY WAY TO EAST OF MAIN ST. (WIDEN TO SIX LANES)
- ROUTE 60 — EAST JCT. I 215 TO REDLANDS BLVD. (WIDEN TO SIX LANES)
- ROUTE 74 — SEVENTH STREET TO G STREET (WIDEN TO FOUR LANES)
- ROUTE 74 — LAKE ELSINORE TO CITY OF PERRIS (WIDEN TO FOUR LANES)
- ROUTE 79 — SANDERSON AVE. TO BEAUMONT RR XING (WIDEN TO FOUR LANES)
- ROUTE 215 — WEST JCT. RTE. 60 TO SAN BERNARDINO (WIDEN TO EIGHT LANES)
- ROUTE 91 — MAGNOLIA AVE TO MAIN ST (ADD ONE LANE EACH DIRECTION)

EXHIBIT 4

ANTICIPATED 1992 STIP PROJECTS

- 60/91/215 INTERCHANGE — PROVIDE DIRECT CONNECTORS
- ROUTE 74 — RTE. 15 TO G STREET (WIDEN TO 4 LANES)
- ROUTE 74 — WINCHESTER RD. TO WARREN RD. (WIDEN TO FOUR LANES)
- ROUTE 79 — SANDERSON AVE FROM RAMONA EXPRESSWAY (WIDEN TO FOUR LANES)
- ROUTE 79 — KELLER RD. TO NEWPORT RD. (WIDEN TO FOUR LANES)
- ROUTE 91 — 60/91/215 INTERCHANGE TO MAGNOLIA AVE (ADD ONE LANE EACH DIRECTION)

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Written Comment Sheet

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base And Relocation of Space Systems Division

March AFB

3.7 Cdr Boggs' assumption of Administrative responsibility with the exception [illegible] Base (Attachment). It is [illegible] that a [illegible] relocating some BAM personnel out [illegible] summary sheet and [illegible]

· Thank You For Your Comments ·

Name [illegible]

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Please hand this form in or mail to: Director
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[redacted] G.C. Herrick & Hemet Para-

IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS YOU TONIGHT TO EXPRESS HEMET'S SUPPORT FOR THE LOCATION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AT MARCH AIR FORCE BASE. THE CITY COUNCIL HAS UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED THIS PROPOSAL AND WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO ADOPT EITHER ALTERNATIVE 1, THEREBY RELOCATING THE ENTIRE DIVISION TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, OR ALTERNATIVE 5. 15.10

HEMET IS LOCATED ABOUT 20 MILES SOUTHEAST OF MARCH AIR FORCE BASE AND IS WITHIN A VERY EASY COMMUTE THROUGH THE RAMONA EXPRESSWAY.

THE NEW EMPLOYEES AT MARCH AIR FORCE BASE WILL BE IN NEED OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING WHICH IS A FEATURE THAT THE SAN JACINTO VALLEY, WHERE WE ARE LOCATED, CAN SUPPLY. SPACIOUS, WELL CONSTRUCTED THREE AND FOUR BEDROOM HOMES

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ARE AVAILABLE IN THE $120,000 TO $150,000 RANGE. SMALLER, YET STILL WELL-BUILT HOMES ARE AVAILABLE FOR UNDER $100,000. THE CITY OF HEMET HAS ADOPTED LONG RANGE LAND USE AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS TO ASSURE OUR ABILITY TO ACCOMMODATE GROWTH WITHIN COMPROMISING THE QUALITY OF LIFE. OUR VALLEY BOASTS TWO EXCELLENT SCHOOL SYSTEMS, AND A FULL SERVICE 345 BED HOSPITAL, ONE OF THE LARGEST IN THE COUNTY, AND A WIDE RANGE OF SHOPPING.

THE CITY HAS AN EXCELLENT BALANCED ECONOMY DUE IN PART TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF SAVINGS AND DEPOSITS IN HEMET'S MORE THAN 50 BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

HEMET IS KNOWN FOR ITS LARGE SENIOR CITIZEN POPULATION WHICH INCLUDES AN UNUSUALLY HIGH NUMBER OF VETERANS. AS A RESULT THE COMMUNITY IS VERY SUPPORTIVE OF, AND WELCOMES, MILITARY RELATED AGENCIES.

WITHIN NEARBY SURROUNDING AREAS RESIDENTS HAVE AMPLE

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RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT LAKES, MOUNTAINS, AND THE OCEAN. THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT PLANS TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL LAKE WITHIN THE NEXT TEN YEARS WITHIN THE REGION. HEMET ITSELF IS BEING CONSIDERED ONE OF TWO POTENTIAL SITES WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A FIVE MILE LONG LAKE. WE WOULD STRONGLY SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL TO LOCATE THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AT MARCH AIR FORCE BASE AND URGE YOUR APPROVAL OF THE SITE. 15.10

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From the Office of: Mayor

August 30, 1990

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Norton AFB, California 92409-6448

Re: Public Hearing on Draft EIS for Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AFB and Relocation of Space Systems Division

Dear Colonel Bartol:

The following comments are made on behalf of the City of Beaumont.

15.10 The City Council of the City of Beaumont feels that March AFB would be an excellent location for the Space Systems Division.

The City of Beaumont is located in the San Gorgonio Pass Area. The Pass Area enjoys an excellent climate with very clean air. This climate provides tremendous recreational opportunities. We enjoy a little snow, around 20" of rain is average for the year, a lot of sun filled days with beautiful, clear skies. Many retired people in the City came to Beaumont because of the good, clear and healthful air.

At the present time, the City is preparing to construct a new addition for its wastewater treatment plant, therefore, not many new houses are being built at this time. New housing that is being built are selling between $120,000 to $140,000. The City has a population of 9,968 today, with estimates of 90,000 to 95,000 population by year 2015. Construction of new homes will begin in 1992 with the completion of the wastewater plant, and in time to provide a wide variety of new homes.

Nearly half of Beaumont's work force is traveling one and one-half to two hours of commute twice each day. The City is seeking companies who can provide jobs to locate in Beaumont. If jobs with less than a one hour commute were available, such as March AFB, many families would have more time to be families.

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Lt Col Tom Bartol
Re: Draft EIS for Relocation of SSD

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Thank you for allowing us to have input into this DEIS.

Sincerely,

Ann Connors

Ann Connors,
Mayor

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Statement of Gary H. Cottrell on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base and Relocation of Space Systems Division - Los Angeles and the Aerospace Corporation to March Air Force Base

Riverside City Hall - August 30, 1990

15.10 With regard to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Proposed Closure of the Los Angeles Air Force Base, let me give you some reasons why relocating the Space Systems Division to March Air Force Base makes sense

1. Riverside County is the 4th largest county in California in area; trailing only San Bernardino, Kern and Inyo in size. With respect to population, according to 1990 Federal Census figures just released, Riverside County, with a current population of 1,145,000, is the 7th largest county in the State; it is also the fastest growing county in the state with a population increase in the last decade of over 70%. Driving this extraordinary increase

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in population is the availability of land for development, particularly in the western part of the county which has made affordable housing readily available to increasing numbers of homebuyers from neighboring counties

2. In consideration of existing housing stock and readily available land designated for residential uses, the proposed relocation opens up unlimited present and future housing opportunities for military and civilian personnel connected with the Space Systems Division without moving the mission far from current aerospace support services and industries in Southern California

3. A move to March Air Force Base would provide the Space Systems Division with elements considered necessary for future growth of the mission not presently available at the existing facility. Based on needs identified in Table 2.2 - 2 of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, March Air Force Base has an abun- and sufficient to accommodate future projected physical expansion of the Space Systems

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Division within the secured perimeter of the base.

4. The Environmental Impact Statement identifies several Air Force owned parcels within the base which could be used for military housing. Housing developments on these sites could easily be served by existing and planned infrastructure improvements surrounding the base with minimal impacts to the surrounding environment. It is anticipated that adverse impacts to the population of Stephen's Kangaroo Rat which may exist on site can be mitigated as per Section 4.7.2 of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

5. Section 4.4 of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement identifies the need for off-base land to support the residential, commercial and industrial growth which will result from the relocation of Space Systems Division to March. The cities and unincorporated communities surrounding March Air Force Base provide an affordable industrial land inventory for service and support industries, and affordable entry level and move-up housing for base personnel. If relocated to March, the Space Systems Division would

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reap the benefits of locating within one of the most desirable growth centers in the United States

6. With- the unincorporated area of the County and within a ten mile radius of March Air Force Base, there are currently 24 approved Specific Plans comprising 38,000 housing units of which approximately 40%, or 15,000 units, are currently developed. Therefore, there is an abundant supply of already approved residential units that can be developed. At present, many of these specific plans still contain large tracts of undeveloped residential, commercial and industrial land available to merchant builders and commercial / industrial developers for individual projects. Mind you, this is only in the unincorporated County area. There are several thousand more approved units in cities that immediately surround March and other cities in the western portion of the County.

7. There is an enormous inventory of available industrial land and finished industrial facilities not within the boundaries of specific plans. Within the same ten mile radius of

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March Air Force Base, there are over 7,500 acres zoned for industrial uses with approximately 9 million square feet of finished industrial floor space. Many of these industrial sites are located in fully developed, full service industrial parks with accessory commercial offices which are capable of providing support services to the Space Systems Division, along with increasing professional and technology support capabilities.

8. I would be remiss if I didn't also mention our outstanding network of public and private colleges and universities in the Inland Empire. Institutions such as the University of California, Riverside, the University of Redlands, California State University, San Bernardino, Loma Linda University and California Baptist College have long played a vital role in both government and industry in the area by providing a multitude of varied educational, professional and cultural opportunities.

9. Although not specifically quantified in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, positive impacts such as the potential for home ownership and dramatically lessened

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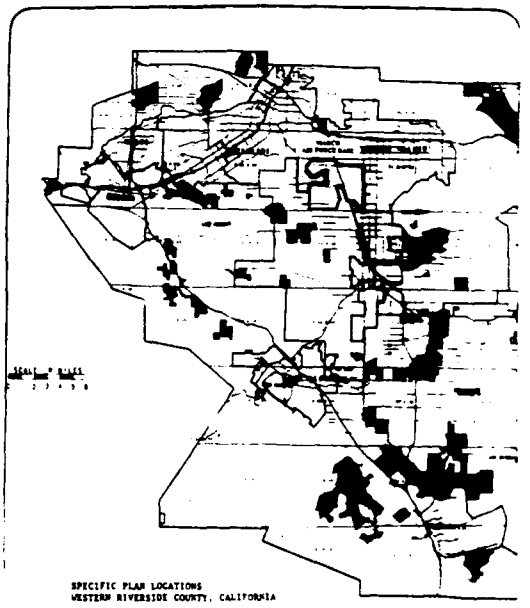
commute times would most certainly be significant to enhancing the quality of life enjoyed by Space Systems personnel. It should also be noted that in terms of recreational amenities, new residents would quickly discover the advantages long enjoyed by western Riverside County residents in being centrally located to a host of recreational and cultural activities offered by the desert resort communities, national forests, metropolitan Los Angeles and seaside communities.

In conclusion, let me assure you that this resource and land rich region is prepared to fulfill the specific objectives of the Purpose and Need for Action described in the summary of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement as they relate to land availability for affordable housing and support industries, quality of life and the reduction of commute time. We believe that the relocation of the Space Systems Division - Los Angeles and the Aerospace Corporation to March Air Force Base would result in one of the most beneficial environmental impacts imaginable - locating jobs and housing together while allowing the mission to remain in close proximity to the aerospace related industries of Southern

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California. Western Riverside County clearly has the land necessary to insure the Space Systems Division's prosperous growth along with the availability of abundant, quality educational, cultural and recreational opportunities for its personnel.

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STATEMENT OF U.S SENATOR PETE WILSON
CONCERNING PROPOSED RELOCATION OF THE
SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION/LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 1990
RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

Colonel, members of the Hearing Panel, I am Michael Wootton, State Director of the California Staff of U.S. Senator Pete Wilson. I appreciate very much the opportunity to present a statement on behalf of Senator Wilson before the hearing panel this evening.

Senator Wilson's letter of June 26, to the Honorable Donald B. Rice, Secretary of the Air Force, outlines the Senator's views concerning the proposed relocation of the Space Systems Division. I would like to include a copy of that letter for your review and consideration tonight.

In the interest of the hearing panel's time, I will briefly describe Senator Wilson's view concerning the proposed relocation. Simply stated, Senator Wilson is very skeptical and
1.1 doubtful that any substantial budgetary benefit and taxpayer cost savings can be affected and demonstrated by any relocation.

As Senator Wilson notes in his letter to Secretary Rice:
Because the Defense Department must struggle with the daunting task of reducing or eliminating major weapon and ship systems, as

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well as slashing its personnel levels, the expenditure of valuable time and money to undertake a major relocation of SSD would be ludicrous. Congress would seriously question the ability of the Air Force to establish spending priorities that will advance U.S. security interests over the next decade if it proposes to uproot the highly sophisticated manpower and R&D assets in Southern California associated with SSD.

The Air Force cost estimate to remove SSD from California, for example, approaches 40 percent of the FY91 Peacekeeper Missile funding request. It also far exceeds the revised flyaway cost for one B-2 bomber, equals the price of 15 or 16 F-15E Fighter Aircraft, and could conceivably claim 20 percent of the budget for the Strategic Defense Initiative.

Furthermore, no compelling reason exists to transfer SSD out of its present region. For years, Southern California has provided the optimal mix of a skilled professional labor force, satellite research centers, and private sector aerospace assistance to the Division that no other state can easily duplicate.

It is the Senator's view that the costs incidental to relocation would more than offset any projected cost savings that could be calculated by Air Force analysts.

Additionally, Senator Wilson believes the greater the proposed distance of relocation, the greater the cost. Similarly, the

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greater the distance Space Systems Division is moved from its present configuration, and its immediate proximity to the Southern California Aerospace industrial base, the more likely the diminishment of its ability to readily achieve its mission objectives, which are so dependent upon that industrial base.

Despite all this, should the Air Force conclude that a relocation should be undertaken, Senator Wilson, from his vantage point on the Senate Armed Services Committee, would view that budgetary, policy and logistical analysis very critically.

I appreciate the time you have allowed me this evening.

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PETE WILSON

United States Senate

WASHINGTON DC 20510-0503

June 26, 1990

The Honorable Donald B. Rice
Secretary of the Air Force
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are writing to strongly urge you not to re-locate the Space Systems Division (SSD) of Los Angeles Air Force Base outside of the State of California.

According to estimates developed by your own Service, the total cost of closing SSD and moving its personnel, facilities, and certain industrial support structures out of the state could possibly reach one billion dollars. Yet, if SSD remains in Southern California, we understand that the Air Force would only spend a fraction of this amount over time primarily to construct new military housing units for active duty personnel assigned to this activity.

In light of the fact that the defense budget will decline throughout the 1990's to the most significant extent since the end of the Vietnam War, the maintenance of SSD within California would represent a prudent cost-saving measure as the Air Force faces ever more difficult decisions on how to sustain both its readiness and its strategic programs with fewer resources.

Because the Defense Department must struggle with the daunting task of reducing or eliminating major weapon and ship systems, as well as slashing its personnel levels, the expenditure of valuable time and money to undertake a major relocation of SSD would be ludicrous. Congress would seriously question the ability of the Air Force to establish spending priorities that will advance U.S. security interests over the next decade if it proposes to uproot the highly sophisticated manpower and R&D assets in Southern California associated with SSD.

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The Honorable Donald B. Rice
June 24, 1990
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Furthermore, no compelling reason exists to transfer SSD out of its present region. For years, Southern California has provided the optimal mix of a skilled professional labor force, satellite research centers, and private sector aerospace assistance to the Division that no other state can easily duplicate.

Moving the Space Systems Division out of California, therefore, makes no sense from a fiscal or programmatic point of view. We owe the American taxpayers more than to see their military dollars to tear apart a domestic base that the Air Force will need for the foreseeable future only to re-build it hundreds of miles away.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

PETE WILSON

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Morton Younglove, Riverside County

TESTIMONY

SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION
RELOCATION

Riverside City Council Chambers

August 30, 1990

7:00 p.m.

Thank you and good evening.

For the record, my name is Morton Younglove, Chairman of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. This evening I am also speaking in my capacity as Chairman of the South Coast Air Quality Management District and Chairman of the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency, a joint powers authority.

From the vantage point afforded me by these positions, I feel well qualified to address several areas of concern mentioned in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement: Those areas are land availability, air quality, and endangered species. Later in the evening you will receive technical comments regarding these issues and so, my comments will be brief and of a more general nature.

Among the presenters, you will hear: Chief Administrative Officer for Riverside County, Gary Cottrell, addressing available residential and industrial land in the unincorporated areas, Todd Beeler, Deputy Planning Director, speaking on Jobs/Housing Balance and Riverside County's Air Quality Element of the General Plan. Bob Wales, Interim City Manager, City of Riverside, Discussing endangered species.

As Chairman of the Board, I welcome you to Riverside County, the fastest growing County in the State. In addition to our great quality of life, Riverside County and the entire Inland Empire, offer a wide variety of affordable housing as well as a large amount of available industrial and commercial land all in close proximity to the MAFB sites. Given reasonably priced houses, those families relocating to March Air Force Base will have ample opportunities for home ownership without negatively impacting the housing market. Those industries that may wish to locate facilities nearby will find reasonably priced and prepared land readily available.

Since there is much available land planned and prepared for industrial development, off-base construction in support of SSD will be easily accommodated in the community without negative impacts.

In considering air quality, I do not agree with the EIS conclusion of degraded air quality associated with the relocation of SSD to | 11.4

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March. Rather, there would actually be reduced emissions from motor vehicles because of a reduction of commuting times. Further, with jobs moving from west to east, a net improvement to the air base would occur because emissions would have less exposure to sunlight as they move out of the basin and there would be significantly fewer people impacted due to the downwind location of MAFB. Another significant advantage would be the reduction of traffic congestion and thus decreased pollution in the vicinity of the current site. One of the goals of the Air Quality Plan is to move jobs closer to the homes in Riverside County thus eliminating long commutes into the western portion of the basin. | 11.4 | 11.1

Regarding the EIS concerns with endangered species and other biological resources, Riverside County and its cities have been very active in efforts to mitigate adverse impacts on biological resources. Not only has the effort resulted in the creation of the Habitat Conservation Agency to protect the Stephen's Kangaroo Rat, in particular and other endangered species, in general, but the County has also prepared a Federal Multi-species Habitat Conservation Plan. Although there will be some mitigation costs there should be no negative impact on the preservation of this very special ground squirrel. The plan calls for a certain amount of government taking and the SSD fits within this. | 13.2

In summary, the County, its cities, and other agencies are working to perfect an already desirable quality of life. SSD families will find affordable homes in a pleasant life environment, vendors will discover reasonable priced industrial land, air quality in the basin will improve, and biological resources will be protected.

Thank you.

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RESOLUTION CHAPTER 66
FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE JUNE 5, 1990
ADOPTED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 31, 1990
ADOPTED IN SENATE MAY 10, 1990

INTRODUCED BY Senator Presley
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Cloute and Kelley)

MAY 8, 1990

Senate Joint Resolution No. 66 Relative to military bases.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 66, Presley. Air Force Space Systems Division: planned relocation.
This measure would memorialize the President and Congress of the United States, pursuant to plans to relocate the Space Systems Division of the Department of the Air Force from Los Angeles Air Force Base, to move that division to March Air Force Base. | 15.10

WHEREAS, The United States Air Force has announced its intention to relocate its Space Systems Division from Los Angeles Air Force Base in an effort to consolidate its space and ballistic missiles, provide for future expansion, improve the quality of life for its military and civilian personnel by providing access to more affordable housing and reducing commuting time, and replace its outdated and expensive to maintain structures at Los Angeles Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, The United States Air Force maintains an active facility at March Air Force Base which, since its acquisition by the War Department in 1918, has

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served as a key military installation and, most recently, as the home of the 22nd Air Refueling Wing, comprised of 20 KC-10 tanker aircraft; and

WHEREAS, March Air Force Base possesses the necessary physical space, would provide continuity of operations within the Los Angeles Basin, would cause minimal environmental disruption, has access to adequate and reasonably priced housing, is in close proximity to the Ballistic Missile Division at Norton Air Force Base, offers easy access to Ontario International Airport, is close to the University of California at Riverside School of Engineering, enjoys excellent military-community relations, and has an excellent geographical location with adequate land for base and industrial expansion; and

WHEREAS, California is a critical location for the entire Pacific area with respect to strategic defense operations; and

WHEREAS, The community and leaders of the western Riverside County Area have joined together to seek the transfer of the Space Systems Division of the United States Air Force to March Air Force Base; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully memorializes the President, the Congress, and the Department of the Air Force, pursuant to plans to relocate the Space Systems Division from Los Angeles Air Force Base, to move that division to March Air Force Base; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, to the Secretary of Defense, to the Secretary of the Air Force, and to the Chairpersons of the House and Senate Armed Forces Committees.

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June 5 Enrolled. To Secretary of State at 10 a.m.
May 31 In Senate. To enrollment.
May 31 Withdrawn from committee. Re-referred to Com. on RLS. From committee: Do adopted. Read and adopted. (Ayes 53. Noes 4. Page 7767.) To Senate.
May 17 To Com. on RLS. h., 1.r. h r.
May 10 In Assembly. Held at Desk.
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Johnston	Jones	Katz	Kelley
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California State Senate

SENATOR
BILL LEONARD

August 29, 1990

Lt. Colonel Tom Bartol
Director of Programs and Environmental Division

Dear Lt. Colonel Bartol:

15.10 I am writing to offer my wholehearted support for keeping the Ballistic Missile Operation (BMO) at its present location, while relocating the Space Systems Division (SSD) to March Air Force Base.

The loss of Norton Air Force Base will have substantial economic impact on our area. The loss of the BMO would make this impact even harsher. By keeping the BMO at Norton and moving the SSD to March, the Inland Empire will have the opportunity to minimize the negative effects of Norton's closing.

Please give these matters your most serious consideration as they are of vital importance to the Inland Empire and its residents.

Sincerely,

BILL LEONARD

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Lieutenant Governor
Leo McCarthy
State of California

August 27, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmentol Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, California 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

I am very supportive of the Space Systems Division and the Ballistic Missiles Organization remaining as an important contributor to the California economy. 15.10

If the draft Environmental Impact Statement process indicates, we would fully support and pledge the State's assistance in backing the March Air Force Base alternative.

Sincerely,

Leo McCarthy

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REDLANDS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

August 29, 1990

Gentlemen,

My name is Judy Maudlse, and I am the treasurer of the Redlands Chamber of Commerce. I would like to thank the representatives of the Air Force for allowing me this opportunity to speak today concerning our support for keeping Ballistic Missile Organization, BMO, at Norton Air Force Base.

As both the treasurer of the Chamber and a business person I am very aware of the need for practicing good financial policy. On that level, I applaud Congress and the Air Force for investigating the possible cost savings from base closures and reassignments. At the same time I feel it is a responsibility, as a representative of the business community of Redlands to say that a decision to relocate BMO is not a sound economic decision.

The cost of relocating not only Air Force personnel but also contract support services will be monumental. Building new facilities will prove to be very costly for the government and private sector. The local surrounding communities will be greatly affected in terms of lost jobs and lost revenue. It is estimated that moving BMO will eliminate 6000 jobs in the San Bernardino/Riverside Counties by 1995. Many of these Air Force and civilian employees now reside in Redlands. It is obvious that a move will be economically painful everyone.

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Relocating Space Systems Division to March Air Force Base and keeping BMO at Norton makes good environmental sense. Both sites are located in communities that offer stable affordable housing. Both sites are within reasonable commuting distance from one another and congested traffic is a problem.

Redlands offers a variety of cultural, educational and social opportunities and experiences. The keen sense of community living that Redlands offers provides a sense belonging to all it's citizens including the vast number of military service men and women assigned to BMO.

On behalf of the Redlands Chamber of Commerce I strongly urge you to consider relocating SSD to March Air Force Base and keeping BMO at Norton. Thank you for your time and consideration. 15.10

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SAN BERNARDINO AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
546 W. 6TH ST. • P.O. BOX 688 • SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92402 • (714) 885-7515

August 16, 1990

Headquarters Air Force/LEEV-P
Pentagon
Room 5-D483
Washington D. C. 20330-8130

Attn: Lieutenant Colonel Randall Bunner

Re: Report of Local Economic Consequences of Potential Relocation of Ballistic Missile Organization, Norton AFB, San Bernardino, California.

Dear Lt. Col Bunner:

This letter is a follow up on the meeting held on Monday, August 6, 1990, by representatives of the Air Force with local community representatives and concerning the draft report of the local economic consequences of relocation of the Ballistic Missile Organization ("BMO"). We appreciate the opportunity to have met with representatives of the Air Force, to express our views and those of the San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce, and hope that the important issues raised at Monday's meeting will be considered in preparing the final report.

4.12 It is our understanding that the report is being prepared to comply with section 2687 of Title 10 of the United States Code and will be submitted to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives pursuant to that section to allow Congress to assess the economic consequences of closing the BMO. In light of the purpose of such report, we have concerns with the methodology that has been utilized and with certain data and conclusions expressed in the report which, we believe, do not accurately reflect the economy of the area surrounding the BMO, nor the effects on that economy that will result should the BMO be closed.

With regard to the region studied, it is our understanding that the Air Force Economic Resource Impact Statement ("ERIS") defined region was adopted. That region includes the entire area of counties whose population center falls within a 50 mile radius of the facility to be closed. For purposes of studying the closure of the BMO, therefore, this region would include all of

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San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. The use of this region distorts the effects of the closure of the BMO. San Bernardino and Riverside Counties encompass a huge geographic area encompassing several distinct local economies, most of which will feel little effect from the closure of the BMO. In fact, San Bernardino County is the largest county in the United States. The effects of the closure of the BMO will be felt primarily in the cities of San Bernardino, Highland, Redlands, Loma Linda and Colton. It is the effect on the economy of these cities which should be measured to reflect "local" impact as mandated by 10 USC section 2687.

In section 2 of the report, regional income and employment impacts are compared to projected performance without closure of the BMO. However, we understand that the comparative figures, those purporting to reflect the economy without closure of BMO, do not take into account the effect of the pending closure of George and Norton Air Force Bases, both located in San Bernardino County. Closing Norton and George Air Force Bases will reduce both regional income and regional employment. By adopting the comparative approach, as you have for the data summarized at tables 2-3, 2-4 and 2-6, it is misleading not to use figures which include the effect of the closure of these bases. We strongly encourage you, in the data presented in section 2 of this report, to include projected figures which take into consideration the effect of the closure of George and Norton. A true picture of the economic consequences of closing BMO must also take into account the cumulative effect of the closure of Norton and George Air Force Bases.

Finally, much of the data contained in the report reflects the economy of the greater Inland Empire, in some cases, and the greater Southern California area in other cases. While the Colton/San Bernardino/Highland/Redlands/Loma Linda area does, to some extent benefit from the growth in the economy of the Southern California area, it has not enjoyed all the fruits of that growth as have other communities. One needs only compare the growth in the Ontario portion of San Bernardino County to that in the San Bernardino Valley to realize that the Valley area, where is BMO is located, has received only a small benefit, comparatively, of economic growth in the Southern California region. We strongly encourage you, in this report, to look more closely at the economy of the San Bernardino Valley area to assess the true effect of the closure of the BMO. For instance, and as discussed at the hearing, figures included in the draft report paint quite a positive figure regarding absorption of office space (see section 3.2.1 concerning commercial real estate). However, the expansion and high demand for office space in such report does not exist in the

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San Bernardino Valley area. Rather, this area is absorbing new office space at a much lower rate than the county, and the region at large, and is experiencing little development of new office space, compared to, for instance, the Ontario area.

Once again, we thank you for the opportunity to address our comments to the draft report. We will be happy to provide whatever data is available to us to help to give an accurate a picture as possible of the effect of the potential closure of the BMO.

Very truly yours,

WILFRED HEITRITTER
President

MARK C. EDWARDS
Vice President
Governmental Affairs

JIM KING
Vice President
Economic Development

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Congressman George Brown
Congressman Jerry Lewis
State Senator Bill Leonard
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Written Comment Sheet

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base And Relocation of Space Systems Division

Peterson / Falcon AFBs

As a neighbor/property owner of Falcon AFB, I am intimately aware of the impact the re-location of new personnel would have on the Fairfield Valley. I've looked hard for years at the situation and am convinced there is little or no adverse impact having installations such as Falcon in the area.

I know that eventually I will have neighbors and would just as well have a well-maintained clear industry such as the SDI Test Bed in the valley as some other type of heavy industry.

In short, I feel there is plenty of room in the Fairfield area for [illegible] Falcon [illegible] Colorado Springs High Plains.

I would welcome the opportunity to speak to someone to state what we have to offer - an affordable, friendly community offering an extremely high quality life

15.10

- Thank You For Your Comments -

Name Robert C. Lovelace

Address 2493 S. Hamerlight St (Street Address) Fairfield Ca (City / State / Zip Code)

Please hand this form in or mail to: Director
Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base CA 92409-6448

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AN *AMICUS* BRIEF

AMICUS strongly supports the transfer of the Air Force Space Systems Division and Air Force Ballistic Missile Organization to Colorado Springs area bases for the following reasons.

1 - We are tired of Denver getting all the attention as an officially polluted city while we get on the sidelines with a boring, wholesome image. A big city atmosphere worthy of federal clean-up dollars is what we want.

2 - Springs residents on the east end of town can't wait to have the big city traffic experiences. We note that one of the reasons for the move from LA is traffic congestion. If there is any big city we envy more than Denver, it is Los Angeles.

3 - The Ballistic Missile Organization oversees the MX missile program. This should give our area the inside track for the rail-based MX. We strongly recommend the nearly abandoned rail line between Colorado Springs and Limon for this project. It's about time our community gets to see some of the marvelous H-bomb projectiles we have counselled for so long.

4 - We applaud the fact that we might get another 10,000 jobs of a secret nature in our community. Kids and spouses shouldn't know what mommy and daddy are doing. As the old saying goes, "What you don't know won't hurt you." A poorly informed electorate is the best kind.

5 - We believe this addition of military forces could finally tip the balance and make our whole city into a military base. Mayor Bob would be Colonel Isaac and Representative Joel would be General Hefley, etc. Kids in school would really shape up if they had to salute teachers and read only Pentagon-approved books. Census taking would be much easier because military people are used to being counted.

15.7 6 - Statistics show that there would be a large increase in revenue from bars, drugs, and prostitution. Cash registers and wallets would overflow; used car and stereo sales would boom. Our under-utilized police force would suddenly get busy and we could finally fill the new jail. More jobs would, of course, be created in the penal industry. Our new police building should be made even larger than currently planned.

7 - The new concrete and asphalt has many beneficial spinoffs. Several of our mountains need the kind of facelift that only a rock quarry can provide. Also, our native vegetation is beaige and boring. Runoff from additional streets and parking lots means irrigation and greener grass for rejuvenated and other pollen and spore producing plants. Pharmacies would benefit from increased sales of allergy medicines.

8 - The proximity of the Air Force Academy to the new facilities cries out for a connecting tunnel. Upon graduation, cadets could go directly to their new jobs without distractions. Those handicapped by tunnel vision would have a new career opportunity.

9 - The added car driving population would help us get our fair share of the Mideast oil currently being fought for in the sands of Arabia.

10 - Getting these new facilities should put us near the top of the enemy's target list. In case of nuclear war, we will be the envy of all those unfortunates enough to survive the initial bombs. As the vapors of our sacrificed bodies waft heavenward they'll still be trying to figure out what to do next. "First to glow, first to go."

11 - The SSD and the BMO would provide programs for those NASA engineers who keep messing up. The phrase "close enough for government work" is the standard of military contractors everywhere.

12 - Our city needs this challenge. City and county taxes are too low. Paying for new roads, schools, and city services is a politicians dream. Counselors, psychologists, and co-dependency workers are crying for more businesses. Hospitals have too many empty beds. The added strain on water resources would be a real incentive to start research on water submarines.

In closing we would suggest that those who agree with our point of view immediately send money to the Air Force to help pay for this transfer. If you do, please mention ***AMICUS*** and all the work we've done to help promote this endeavor. Thanks.

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I am Pat Musick and I'm a native of Colorado Springs. I oppose the relocation of Space Systems Division to Peterson or Falcon Air Force Base because I believe this would be environmentally, socially and economically detrimental to El Paso County. The statistics in this statement are taken from the US Air Force Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed relocation. 15.7

At the initial scoping meeting the proponents of the relocation here cited as one of the attractions our high quality of life. According to the EIS, quote, "The decision to propose the closure of Los Angeles AFB was based on a number of operational and quality of life issues." Well, what is quality of life? Most residents of the Pikes Peak Region will cite proximity to the mountains, climate, relatively clean air, water, and feeling of personal safety, friendly and easygoing pace, along with cultural amenities, as characteristic of our own quality of life. It is important to remember that Los Angeles itself (and Detroit, Manhattan, and other urban centers) all once had clean air, water, and proximity to nature. We still have a chance to preserve ours.

The EIS states clearly that decrease in air quality would result from the relocation: "Pollution concentrations are predicted to substantially increase as a result of more intensive and widespread urban activities ...Because El Paso County is nonattainment for carbon monoxide (does not meet federal clean air standards)., overall longterm impact for projected emissions at Peterson or Falcon AFB on air quality would be significant. Project emissions could cause a delay in the achievement of attainment status for El Paso County...88% of CO emissions in this county are from mobile sources. The major emission sources from Peterson would be from flying operations and fuel evaporation losses from gasoline & diesel storage and dispensing facilities"..In the short term, air pollution would be increased by fugitive dust from soil disturbance and construction vehicle emissions; in the long term, emissions from the additional vehicles used by personnel and their families. During the construction year, traffic would increase by over 15,000 vehicles.

Solid waste would increase by 67.6 tons per day in the peak year and 55.6 tons/day thereafter. The volume and composition of hazardous materials used and stored on Peterson or Falcon AFB would increase; this would "increase the potential for accidental spills which could result in adverse effects on public health, water resources, soils, and biological resources...The current volume and composition of the waste stream for Aerospace Corp. would be transferred, with the exception of asbestos-containing wastes." In other words, the relocation would include importation of hazardous wastes to El Paso County.

What about water? "The potable water demand for the proposed action would increase average daily demand 11% in the peak construction year and 9% during operations." Were the Falcon site chosen, "increased water demand would accelarate depletion of the aquifer"--Falcon's water source is a groundwater aquifer that is already overdrafted by 5000 acre-feet per year, being used faster than it can replenish itself. Peterson's water source is, like all of Colorado Springs, 53% Transbasin water Project-supplied. Sometimes the municipal water system is already used at 100% capacity on peak days; where would an increase come from? "Construction of an upgraded facility to handle the increased demand is planned." Does this refer to the Homestake II water project, still, I believe, tied up in litigation? The issue of water importation from the Western Slope is only going to grow in complexity. We are a semiarid to

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arid region. I've heard there are more water lawyers in Colorado than in all the rest of the United States. The whole question of water and water rights is a Pandora's box of complex issues, as anyone who has ever listened to a discussion about Colorado wilderness bills knows. Stirring up this hornet's nest could result in costs and delays not figured into the current projections. Wherever it comes from, water is finite in Colorado, and it behooves us to bear this in mind in any discussions regarding future growth.

Another interesting note in the EIS prompts thought on another quality of life aspect: "water quality in the Arkansas River Basin is generally adequate to support most designated uses except in the central portion of Fountain Creek, below Colorado Springs, where high fecal coliform counts and metals impair the designated uses." Why seek to attract new sources of wastes and pollution while we currently have an open sewer to clean up...cyanide hillsides left from the old gold mill (doubtless also the source of the heavy metals in Fountain Creek)....open-pit mining scars...excessive carbon monoxide levels...not to mention desperate needs in education and all our other social needs. The EIS states that of the 26,860 jobs that would be created, 80% would be filled by immigration; only 20% would be locally filled. Have the city and county considered economic conversion strategies that would clean up some of the problems we already have, avoid the detrimental impacts of sudden growth, and provide more jobs to local people?

Currently, 18%--almost one-fifth--of our total employment is military-related. Overreliance on single industries--the boom-to-n mentality--has proven fatal to many communities in the past. In the 80's, Colorado Springs was the fastest-growing city in the state and the twelfth in the nation. Now, suddenly, we're in a "bust" phase. With our current economic situation and the current military situation in the Middle East, it is perhaps seductive to consider more military facilities here as a quick-fix panacea. 25.6% of growth in the 80's was due to military, high-tech, and construction industries. Acceptance of this new military facility would put us right back on that boom/bust cycle, with the same industries interdependent. What we need is greater diversity in our economy, and a greater enhancement of educational, social, cultural diversity. This is what makes for a living, sustainable, exciting community.

The EIS projects an increase of $500.5 million in personal income generated by this relocation--but to whom? Will a stronger economy be perceptible to the ordinary citizen like me, or will I only notice increased water rates, taxes for maintenance of the new roads, and increased pollution? Has anyone done a study of the projected loss of income possible from environmental degradation? What about the economic benefits generated by the quality of our environment as found in tourism, for example? By way of illustration, I wish to cite a study comparing the economic benefits of wilderness use vs. oil and gas development cited at the Denver hearing of the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1989. It shows that over a 20-year period, monies spent by wilderness users added more than 17% times more to the local economy than oil and gas development. Colorado Springs is not a wilderness area nor the Space System Division an oil and gas project, but it is vital to recognize that environmental quality is of quantifiable economic benefit and possible environmental degradation can hurt our economy as well as our health.

In a nutshell and that is my conservation are anti-growth. In the context of the anti-boom campaign [illegible] growth in the absence of the boom cycle that many of [illegible] But our economy can be improved by another kind of growth. Many Colorado Springs grew into a growing wealth, who envisage diversification, learn from mistakes [illegible] many others, envisage a vision of right and variety of values of beauty, lasting to future-wise, long-term benefits from human gratification, and envisage an understanding of the meaning of the term "quality of life." Thank you

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September 2, 1990

Lt Col Tom Bartol
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Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt Col Bartol:

The purpose of this letter is to submit comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AFB, California and Relocation of Space Systems Division, July 1990 (EIS). I question initial assumptions and selection of sites at the proposed relocation areas. Commercial locations should be included, and the impact of recent Air Force actions upon some sites might remove them from consideration. In addition, I find the presentation of conclusions in sections on Albuquerque, NM, tendentious.

Facility requirements should not include laboratory space. Each alternative in Section 2.0 of the EIS includes 170,000 square feet of laboratory space. Laboratory activities produce long term results and do not support day to day SSD operations. Furthermore, SSD personnel perform no research. Although research enhances the credibility of Aerospace Corporation support, current research facilities are adequate and need not be relocated. Several of the Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDC's) locate laboratory activities at other than the principal operating location. The MIT Lincoln Laboratory has activities in Hawaii, Kwajelein, and White Sands. The Aerospace Corporation itself maintains personnel in support of Air Force programs at locations with no indigenous Aerospace research, such as Kirtland AFB. At worst, laboratory facilities should be relocated independently as economically as possible. They should not be included in SSC relocation decisions. 3.8

The EIS should consider sites other than those on or contiguous with Air Force installations. The current SSC operation does not satisfy this criterion, since the Aerospace corporation owns property in its own right. Furthermore, a significant number of SSD personnel operate offsite in commercial or contractor facilities. Cost over a reasonable service life should determine whether facilities need be owned by the government or located on government property. The tradeoff should not be presumed. This would change the complexion of the decision significantly. 3.9

The Kirtland East hospital building might not be available, and other facilities at Kirtland might be adversely affected by recent Air Force laboratory consolidation actions. The initial phase would consolidate the support activities of the Geophysics Laboratory, the Astronautics Laboratory, and the Weapons Labora- 3.10

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tory is Albuquerque. The Space Technology Center, which currently occupies the Kirtland East hospital building will lose much of the space intended for it this fall as support services move to Kirtland. In addition, many existing Kirtland support contractors have recently been directed to move from offices which they occupied on-base or have decided to move off-base because the facilities allocated them were inadequate. These matters should be investigated more thoroughly before the EIS is finalized.

15.12 The initial EIS assessment (Figure 2.6.1-1) should include convenient and inexpensive mitigations of minor environmental impacts. Mitigations should be included with the summary of impacts, and the final summary should include the effect of obvious and inexpensive mitigations. Specifically, the EIS amplifies the potential depletion of the aquifer which services Falcon AFB. Developers of the Banning Lewis Ranch had to acquire water rights for hundreds of years for an anticipated population of more than one hundred thousand persons in a 25,000 acre site close to Falcon AFB. That site will now not be developed as planned, and those water rights should be available to support a few thousand more persons at Falcon AFB. Although this matter is noted in the short section on mitigations, it was not considered when impact on water resources at Site 4 was assessed.

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15.13 Impacts on noise and air quality at sites in Colorado Springs should be more fairly assessed relative to sites in Albuquerque, NM. First, references to development of the Banning-Lewis Ranch should be modified. Projections of vehicular traffic and changes in traffic patterns cited in the EIS have become arguable, since that property entered the receivership of the Resolution Trust Corporation. Furthermore, all affected roadways serving potential sites in Colorado Springs currently operate at LOS B or better. On the other hand, affected roadways in Albuquerque operate at LOS E or F already. Air quality in Albuquerque is much worse at the outset than it is in Colorado Springs. The Rio Grande valley is often visibly smog ridden, and Albuquerque already has fireplace restrictions. Finally, as stated in the EIS, sites considered in Albuquerque must mitigate potential impacts upon radioactive burial sites and nuclear radiation training facilities. The EIS grants Colorado Springs no consideration for its obvious advantages.

15.14 The EIS should consider the environmental impacts of residential and commercial construction which would occur in addition to basic SSD and Aerospace facilities. In particular, several thousand acres would have to be developed in Albuquerque to house relocated personnel. That construction would impact air quality, traffic, and the availability of construction materials in Albuquerque. Little if any additional construction would be necessary in Colorado Springs.

15.15 Finally, the EIS should use consistent and objective wording when circumstances are equal and should emphasize circumstances which are objectively more favorable in Colorado Springs than in Albuquerque. The wording of impacts upon Albuquerque is much

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more favorable than is the wording of comparable impacts upon Colorado Springs, compromising the appearance of objectivity. For example, the Albuquerque water system operates at a higher percentage of capacity at present and would increase to 89% of capacity under the most stressful relocation alternative. Nonetheless, Albuquerque water resources are found "adequate." On the other hand, the Colorado Springs water system is currently at a much lower level of use relative to capacity and would increase only to 49% of capacity in the worst case. Water resources for Falcon AFB are found deficient despite the fact that Colorado Springs is much more able to support the most extensive water demands than Albuquerque is.

The EIS states that Albuquerque "would easily accommodate the new offbase personnel," because there are several thousand acres of undeveloped land adjacent to the city. However, the EIS also says that Colorado Springs "could accommodate the new offbase personnel with existing and planned housing areas." This is blatantly tendentious. Albuquerque has undeveloped land near the city. Colorado Springs has developed land and existing dwellings within the city. The use of the subjunctive in the reference to Colorado Springs and the use of the adverb "easily" in reference to Albuquerque indicates an objectionable and subjective prejudiction toward Albuquerque which should be expunged from the EIS. 15.15

The EIS is a monumental work which has required considerable effort. Nonetheless, the fundamental assumptions that all facilities must be located on Air Force property and that laboratory facilities must be co-located with major SSD operations are invalid. In addition, objective consideration of the facts presented in the EIS demands more favorable judgment of Colorado Springs and less favorable judgment of Albuquerque.

Sincerely,

David Finkleman

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September 5, 1990

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Dear Lieutenant Colonel Bartol:

The crisis in the Persian Gulf brings home how absolutely essential a strong, effective military is. Without it, our security can be directly threatened as can the sovereignty of smaller nations and the resources many countries depend upon. In short, without a strong and effective military the United States--indeed, the entire world--would be at the mercy of any renegade strongman who could muster an army and use it to steal others' wealth and depose their governments.

The crisis in the Persian Gulf also brings home the unique advantages Colorado Springs will provide the Air Force should it decide to relocate its Space Systems Division there. The men and women of Air Force Space Command stationed in Colorado Springs play a daily role in the Gulf crisis as the eyes and ears for our troops overseas. Stationing those who are responsible for the procurement of satellite systems near those with the operational space expertise will benefit the Air Force, the taxpayer and the nation's military space program. There couldn't be a better match.

Colorado Springs stands head and shoulders above any other proposed location. It has plenty of attractive, affordable housing and its many services would allow it easily to accomodate the large influx of new Air Force employees. In addition, the people of Colorado Springs are committed supporters of their military community and, I am certain, will take every possible action to settle these members of the military space community quickly and painlessly into their new home at the foot of the Rockies.

15.10 I am certain that, as you consider Colorado Springs, you too will make it your first choice for the relocation of Space Systems Division.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

William L. Armstrong

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Written Comment Sheet

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base And Relocation of Space Systems Division

Kirtland AFB

If at Anytime you require additional comments for Air Force Space Systems please contact us

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- Thank You For Your Comments -

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CITY COUNCIL

29 August 1990

Lt. Col Tom Barton
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AFSCE-BMS/DET
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Dear Lt. Col. Barton:

15.10 On behalf of the Albuquerque City Council and the members of our community, I would like to encourage your serious consideration of relocating the Space Systems Division to Kirtland Air Force Base.

New Mexico is an ideal location for the Space Systems Division due to its special character. Our commitment to the preservation and development of our quality of life gives us a competitive advantage. Albuquerque offers real economic advantages to your personnel since our cost of living still remains comparatively low; however, we maintain one of the highest concentrations of scientific and technological personnel of any state. World-class scientific institutions such as Los Alamos and Sandia set the state apart as a haven for some of the best scientific minds in the country.

Lastly, Albuquerque's long standing concern for honoring its historical and cultural backgrounds merge with its magnificent environment to consistently offer a quality of life that is without parallel.

Respectfully,

Steve D. Gallegos, President
Albuquerque City Council

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STATEMENT BY SENATOR JEFF BINGAMAN
PUBLIC HEARING
DRAFT EIS ON PROPOSED RELOCATION OF
SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION
SEPTEMBER 7, 1990

I regret that I cannot be in Albuquerque in person tonight to comment on the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base and relocation of the Space Systems Division. After reviewing the draft EIS, I believe that the case for relocating the SSD to Kirtland is a strong one. There are clearly no environmental issues that would stand in the way of a decision to locate at Kirtland, and just as clearly there are reasons why such a decision would be in the best interests of the Air Force. 15.10

The Environmental Impact Statement is one of six studies required by statute before a final decision is made on a base closure. I understand that the other five studies, on the fiscal, local economic, budgetary, strategic, and operational impacts, are underway and nearing completion. In the final analysis, I believe that Kirtland will emerge as the clear choice for basing the SSD and its associated units. I would like to take this opportunity to comment on a few issues which may not be integral to a study of the environmental impacts, but which should be taken into account as a relocation decision is made.

Important factors in Kirtland's favor are the proximity of complementary R&D facilities and New Mexico's strong science and technology orientation. Clearly, colocation with the Air Force Space Technology Center and the Air Force Weapons Laboratory would benefit Space Systems Division. The STC, which is managed by SSD, was established in 1982 as the focal point for Air Force space research and technology programs and oversees three other Air Force laboratories, including the Weapons Lab. Consolidating SSD, STC, and the Weapons Lab could create a synergy that would benefit the entire structure, as well as provide for more cost-effective operations. The Air Force is well aware of the capabilities of STC and AFWL, and will certainly consider colocation with those organizations in its decision. I hope that equal weight will be given to the R&D facilities located in Albuquerque, and elsewhere in New Mexico, which SSD may not be as familiar with, but which can offer significant assets should the division locate at Kirtland.

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Proximity to the national laboratories, and colocation with Sandia in particular, is a strong argument in favor of locating SSD and the Aerospace Corporation at Kirtland. Sandia and Los Alamos are unparalleled research and development institutions, with expertise in many disciplines important to Space Systems Division. The University of New Mexico is a major research university which can offer a considerable amount of technical and scientific support to the Air Force. This is also true of New Mexico Tech and New Mexico State. White Sands Missile Range, Holloman Air Force base both have a history of aerospace support, and can also contribute much to SSD's mission.

Even more significant is the importance of these scientific and technical resources taken together. New Mexico has a very strong science and technology orientation which can provide an unparalleled base for operating SSD and the Aerospace Corporation. New Mexico has a large pool of technically trained individuals, as well as a large pool of individuals with security clearances. New Mexico has fostered an environment and a culture that will support the research and development efforts of the Air Force as well as any location in the country.

The final point I would make is on prospects for the future of SSD at its new base if it is relocated. Obviously, the Air Force does not want to be in a position 10 or 20 years from now where a city's encroachment on a military base requires another relocation. Kirtland's size and location makes that all but impossible. Locating SSD at Kirtland would give the Air Force the best of all possible options: A base in a large, vibrant city, with all of the advantages in culture and infrastructure that go with a city; and a base which can handle a very considerable expansion without fear of encroaching upon the city, with enough land to provide all of the advantages of a rural location. The Air Force can be confident that Kirtland would provide a stable and lasting base for SSD and the Aerospace Corporation.

The final basing decision will be based on the results of this EIS and the other studies now underway. The EIS clearly states that there are no show-stoppers to relocating to Kirtland. I am confident that the other studies will lend further support to basing SSD and its associated organizations here in Albuquerque. I look forward to working with the Air Force, Kirtland Air Force Base, and the people of Albuquerque as this process moves forward.

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STATEMENT OF

MACK HALEY

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DEIS HEARING

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

SEPTEMBER 7, 1990

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MACK HALEY
SPEECH-A.F.S.S.D.

15.10 THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND SERVICES AVAILABLE IN THE ALBUQUERQUE AREA, THROUGH U S WEST AND INDEPENDENT VENDORS, ARE EXTREMELY WELL SUITED FOR CLIENTS SUCH AS THE AFSSD.

THE U S WEST NETWORK IN THE ALBUQUERQUE AREA IS COMPRISED OF 18 SWITCHING CENTERS CONNECTED BY DIGITAL INTEROFFICE FACILITIES. ALL THE SWITCHING CENTERS ARE STORED-PROGRAM, OR ELECTRONIC SWITCHES. TEN OF THE 18 ARE DIGITAL SWITCHES.

ALTERNATE ROUTING IS IN PLACE FOR MOST INTEROFFICE FACILITIES. ADDITIONAL ALTERNATE ROUTING COULD BE READILY PROVIDED, IF NEEDED, TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE AIR FORCE.

KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE IS SERVED BY ONE OF THE MOST MODERN PRIVATE NETWORKS IN THE U.S. MILITARY SYSTEM. THE AIR FORCE OWNS AND OPERATES AN AT&T #5 ESS DIGITAL SWITCH.

FIBER OPTIC TECHNOLOGY HAS BEEN EXTENSIVELY UTILIZED BEHIND THE SWITCH AND THE AIR FORCE IS CONTINUALLY EXPANDING THE FIBER NETWORK ON THE BASE.

INTEROFFICE FACILITIES LINKING KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE TO THE U S WEST NETWORK ARE FIBER OPTIC FACILITIES. ALL SPECIAL SERVICE CIRCUITS TO AND FROM KIRTLAND ARE SERVED VIA FIBER OPTICS.

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U S WEST CURRENTLY HAS FOUR FIBER OPTIC INTERFACES ON KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE. THROUGH AN AGREEMENT WITH THE AIR FORCE, U S WEST IS ALLOWED TO PLACE ITS OWN FIBER FACILITIES ALONGSIDE THOSE BELONGING TO THE AIR FORCE. THIS AGREEMENT, COUPLED WITH THE EXISTING INTERFACE LOCATIONS MEANS THAT U S WEST CAN EXTEND ITS NETWORK ANYWHERE ON THE BASE RAPIDLY AND ECONOMICALLY TO SERVE PRIVATE CUSTOMERS, SUCH AS CONTRACTORS.

NEW MEXICO IS HOME TO TWO NATIONAL LABORATORIES, SANDIA AND LOS ALAMOS. ALSO LOCATED IN THE STATE ARE THE WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE AND THE NASA WHITE SANDS TEST FACILITY NEAR LAS CRUCES. HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE NEAR ALAMOGORDO AND CANNON AIR FORCE BASE NEAR CLOVIS. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CANNON AIR FORCE BASE, ALL MAJOR GOVERNMENT INSTALLATIONS AS WELL AS THE STATE'S THREE RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES (UNM, NMSU, NM TECH) HAVE A DIRECT FIBER OPTIC LINK THROUGH U S WEST'S NEW MEXICO NETWORK. ALL OF THESE INSTALLATIONS WILL HAVE DIRECT FIBER CONNECTIVITY AS WELL AS FULL DIVERSITY ROUTING IN 1992.

THE ADVANTAGES OF THIS EXTENSIVE FIBER NETWORK TO A HIGH-TECH, HIGH-SECURITY USER ARE MANY. THE SECURITY OFFERED BY FIBER OPTICS WHEN COMPARED WITH COPPER CABLE OR MICROWAVE RADIO IS UNPARALLELED. THE SPEED AND RELIABILITY OF FIBER SYSTEMS ALLOW TRANSMISSION OF TREMENDOUS QUANTITIES OF DATA ESSENTIALLY ERROR FREE.

IN ADDITION TO SECURITY AND ACCURACY, NETWORK RELIABILITY IS CERTAINLY CRITICAL TO A USER OF HIGH-CAPACITY, HIGH-SPEED PRIVATE LINE SERVICES. RECOGNIZING THIS NEED, U S WEST HAS BEGUN PROVIDING SELF-HEALING NETWORK TECHNOLOGY IN TWO CONFIGURATIONS TO USERS WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS. SELF-HEALING ALTERNATE ROUTE PROTECTION (SHARP)

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OFFERS ADDED RELIABILITY FOR USERS WITH MEDIUM TO LARGE AMOUNTS OF DATA, VOICE AND VIDEO TRAFFIC BY PROVIDING BACK-UP ELECTRONICS AND TWO PHYSICALLY SEPARATE FIBER-OPTIC PATHS THROUGH TWO TELEPHONE COMPANY SWITCHING OFFICES.

SELF-HEALING NETWORK SERVICES (SHNS) IS AN OVERLAY NETWORK DESIGNED FOR COMPANIES OR GOVERNMENT ENTITIES WITH MULTIPLE LOCATIONS. SELF-HEALING IS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH USE OF TWO CONCENTRIC FIBER RINGS. SHOULD A FAILURE OCCUR IN THE PRIMARY PATH THE SERVICE WILL HEAL ITSELF AUTOMATICALLY BY REROUTING THE SIGNAL IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION AROUND THE RING USING THE ALTERNATE PATH.

SHNS SYSTEMS ARE DEDICATED TO A SINGLE USER AND ARE CUSTOM DESIGNED TO MEET INDIVIDUAL USER REQUIREMENTS.

U S WEST HAS FEDERAL SERVICE MARKET UNIT PERSONNEL LOCATED IN ALBUQUERQUE WHO CAN WORK WITH THE AIR FORCE ON ANY COMMUNICATIONS NEEDS, ROUTINE OR SPECIALIZED. ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION FORCES ARE ALSO LOCATED IN ALBUQUERQUE TO DESIGN AND BUILD THE NETWORK TO MEET CUSTOMER NEEDS. NEW MEXICO'S REGULATORY STRUCTURE ALLOWS U S WEST TO EXPEDITE PROVISIONING OF CUSTOM DESIGNED SERVICES, ELIMINATING REGULATORY DELAYS.

ONE FINAL ATTRIBUTE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN NEW MEXICO IS NEW MEXICO TECHNET. TECHNET IS A PRIVATE NON-PROFIT CORPORATION OPERATING A DATA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK THROUGHOUT NEW MEXICO. THIS NETWORK PROVIDES FOR THE TIMELY TRANSFER OF INFORMATION AMONG THE FEDERAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, STATE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

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IN SUMMARY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS RESOURCES IN ALBUQUERQUE, IN NEW MEXICO AND ON KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE ARE SECOND TO NONE. U S WEST WORKS DAILY WITH HIGH-TECH, HIGH-SECURITY USERS OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES. THE BACKGROUND AND EXPERTISE OF OUR PERSONNEL WOULD PERMIT US TO IMMEDIATELY INTERFACE WITH THE AFSSD SHOULD THE NEED ARISE. ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL LOCATED IN ALBUQUERQUE AND THE RESOURCES OF A 14-STATE COMPANY ENABLE U S WEST TO MEET ANY TELECOMMUNICATIONS NEEDS ANTICIPATED BY THE AFSSD. WE STAND READY AND WILLING TO WORK WITH YOU IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE TO MAKE YOUR TRANSITION A SMOOTH ONE.

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STATEMENT
by
JAMES A. COVELL
Executive Vice President, Albuquerque Economic Development
to the
Air Force Hearing
on the
Draft Environmental Statement (EIS)
September 7, 1990

Good evening - I am James A. Covell, Executive Vice President, Albuquerque Economic Development, Inc. I would like to address some facets of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement relating to the possible relocation of the Air Force System Command Space Systems Division to Kirtland Air Force Base.

First, let me say I was particularly pleased to note that there are no unique or major significant issues that would preclude the transfer of Headquarters SSD and related units or the Aerospace Corporation from Los Angeles Air Force Base to Kirtland Air Force Base. In other words, Kirtland has sufficient on-base space to accommodate the relocation and the community has the capability and resources to provide the infrastructure to support a significant increase in population. Albuquerque and its citizens are concerned about the environment and through a comprehensive plan is managing growth in a responsible manner. The growth envisioned by the transfer of SSD is manageable and the minor environmental issues identified in the EIS can be mitigated through implementation of programs and procedures such as park and ride stations, staggered work hours, or enhanced traffic control. I'll let the environmental experts identify specific courses of action and reiterate that the SSD relocation is manageable and that Kirtland

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and Albuquerque are a logical location for a major space related research and development activity.

If one were to attempt to describe the major industry in New Mexico, the answer would have to be research and development. A large portion of the R&D activity has been or is related to space activities. Los Alamos National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratory, the University of New Mexico, New Mexico State University, White Sands Missile Range, Kirtland Air Force Base and a host of related private and public agencies are examples of the R&D base that exists in New Mexico. As you are well aware, the Space Technology Center and Weapons Laboratory, which are major subordinate units of SSD, are located on Kirtland. The consolidation of Air Force space research and development, combined with cooperation and coordination of other educational and R&D facilities in New Mexico, would provide a synergy that would be beneficial to all involved and promote significant development in the United States Air Force space programs. While Los Angeles claims a special relationship with the aerospace industry, I believe it is not so unique that it does not exist elsewhere.

Finally, I would like to discuss the quality of life that makes Albuquerque an ideal location for the Space Systems Division. Quality of life is a nebulous term that means different things to different people. But to those of us who have come to Albuquerque, we have found a special life style that makes it almost impossible to leave. There is a large population of military retirees who has served at Kirtland and either separated, retired or returned because they have found this a great place to live. Many of our

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major manufacturers such as Honeywell, Intel, Ethicon or Motorola tell us it is hard to get employees to leave even if offered a significant promotion. The same type of companies have a relatively easy job of recruiting new employees because of the life style offered New Mexico residents. Housing is affordable and there are a wide variety of areas that people can choose to live that are within easy commuting distance. As a matter of fact, our average commuting time is 20 minutes and it is difficult to live more than 30 minutes from Kirtland, unless it is in a very rural location. Albuquerque provides a range of parks and recreational facilities within the city and the city had the vision to plan and fund urban enhancements and cultural projects to provide the community with first class facilities. Albuquerque is blessed with a year around climate that offers mild seasonal changes with great opportunities to enjoy recreational activities. This is the place where you can ski in the morning, play golf in the afternoon and attend a New Mexico Symphony concert in the evening. This high quality environment should be a big plus for SSD in recruiting employees and encouraging the military to continue with their careers.

15.10 Albuquerque Economic Development wholeheartedly supports the relocation of Space Systems Division and the Aerospace Corporation or portions of the organizations to Kirtland Air Force Base. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement adequately addresses the essential issues, and although some minor corrections may be required, it is fully endorsed as a comprehensive environmental assessment. Albuquerque offers an excellent environment and would welcome Space Systems Division military and civilian members as new neighbors in the community.

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September 7, 1990

Lt. Colonel Tom Bartol
Director of Programs and Environmental
AFRCE - BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

New Mexico and the City of Albuquerque take great pride in a long and mutually beneficial relationship with the Department of the Air Force.

Albuquerque is prepared to support a major expansion at Kirtland Air Force Base. The City of Albuquerque has developed a Comprehensive Plan to manage this growth. We have the capability to provide adequate water, energy, public safety, education and other essential services for relocation of a major Air Force organization and supporting agencies.

Albuquerque has numerous recreational facilities in and around the city which provide golfing, hiking, sailing, skiing, fishing, mountain climbing and a majority of other indoor and outdoor activities. The high desert climate produces mild seasonal changes with mid-day temperatures near 50 degrees in the winter and around 90 degrees in the summer.

The community offers housing in a variety of settings that would meet the desires of every employee--available at reasonable prices. Air Force members and contractor employees would have an opportunity to own homes and enjoy short commuting times to and from work.

Major corporations such as Intel, Martin Marietta, Honeywell Defense Systems and Signetics have found the Albuquerque area an excellent place to do business from a standpoint of a qualified and productive labor force and excellent quality of life features.

Kirtland AFB has surplus land and existing buildings that could accommodate a major portion of the Space Systems Division relocation without the need for land purchase or new construction costs. A copy of some initial estimates for renovation and new construction costs have been

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prepared and are forwarded for your review and information. It would be very economical to modify existing facilities for Space Systems Division and build new on-base facilities for The Aerospace Corporation.

A New Mexico Space Systems Division Relocation Task Force has been established by Governor Garrey Carruthers to coordinate efforts related to the relocation project and provide assistance to your group. Various departments from the City of Albuquerque and a select committee of environmental specialists have reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statements. Comments provided by these groups are forwarded for your consideration.

15.10 New Mexico is a state with a vision that is heavily involved in high tech research and development. The addition of the Space Systems Division would create a synergism that would be beneficial to the United States space program as well as our state universities and the National Laboratories.

Sincerely,

Mann Holzer
SSD Relocation Task Force Co-Director

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Enclosures: City of Albuquerque - Transportation
City of Albuquerque - Public Works
City of Albuquerque - Environmental
Environmental Committee Report
Facilities Subcommittee Report

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Gentlemen:

Regarding facilities to accommodate the United States Air Force Space Systems Division (HQSSD) possible relocation to Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico, a survey of existing building space which would become available was performed. That inventory of vacant space and projections of additional buildings that will become available was briefly inspected by USAF personnel and a local contractor to arrive at a cost projection to convert the space to offices to accommodate HQSSD needs. A vacant 35 acre site on KAFB was also examined as a possible site for construction of additional facilities.

This preliminary survey reveals that 494,000 sf of renovated office space could be made available at an estimated cost of approximately 56% of new space. Also the 35 acre site can be utilized to construct an additional 500,000 sf of new space. Details of the available facilities and estimated cost per building follows:

KAFB Bldg Number	Finished Square Ft	Comment	Estimated Cost Range
20258 (Museum)	38090	Add 2nd flr, add 2 elevators, windows, energy retrofit, HVAC, electrical	$ 1,985,000
20202 (offices)	36000	Interior remodel, add 2 elevators, HVAC	$ 1,550,000
20203 (offices)	38000	Interior remodel, add 2 elevators, HVAC	$ 1,630,000
20201 (offices)	14000	Interior remodel, HVAC, electrical, elevator	$ 605,000
20200 (Offices)	44000	Interior remodel, HVAC electrical, energy retrofit, 3 elevators	$ 2,048,000
20140 (Hospital)	125000	HVAC, interior remodel, energy retrofit, electrical, add 4 elevators (Asbestos removal not included; will be separate requirement)	$ 5,822,000
20222 (Dormitory)	66238	Interior remodel, HVAC, electrical, energy retrofit, add 3 elevators	$ 3,082,000

KAFB Bldg Number	Finished Square Ft	Comment	Estimated Cost Range

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20245 (Commissary)	75000	Interior remodel, HVAC, electrical	$ 3,338,000
1802 (O Club West)	57863	Remodel to offices, conference center, HVAC, electrical, add 2 elevators	$ 2,665,000
All Renovated Buildings	494181 sf	Total.....	$23,725,000 to $25,000,000

Building	Comments	Estimated Cost Range
New construction 35 acre site near Louisiana & Gibson Gate	3 story building - 500,000 sf office & secured space	$35,000,000 to $42,500,000
	Site work, landscape and parking for 2800 vehicles use 1,043,000 sf of land	$ 2,100,000 to $ 2,612,000
	Total.....	$37,100,000 to $45,112,000
Soft Costs		
Architect, engineer, design and contract administration fees approximately 12% of construction cost	Renovated space	3,000,000
	New space	5,400,000
	Total.....	$ 8,400,000

Summary

HQSSD space requirements can be met with existing facilities and land on KAFB. A cost analysis follows:

Renovated space equals 494,000 sf at approximately $25,000,000 which equals ($50.60/sf)

New space equals 500,000 sf at approximately $45,112,000 which equals ($90.22/sf)

Architect, engineering and contract administration $8,400,000 equals ($8.48/sf)

Please let us know if additional information is needed.

Facilities Subcommittee

J. Howard Hook

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STATE AND LOCAL TAXATION OF SSD CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS

A comparison of the state and local taxation of contractors with the Space Systems Division (SSD) in New Mexico, California, and Colorado reveals the following:

1. New Mexico would impose a gross receipts tax on a small portion of contract services to SSD, and California and Colorado would not.

2. Other state and local taxes imposed by California and Colorado would exceed those imposed by New Mexico.

New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax (NMGRT) on Certain Services

New Mexico's Gross Receipts Tax is explained, summarized and applied to the activities of SSD, Aerospace and their contractors and subcontractors in the attached documents:

1. NMGRT Taxability Flow-Charts
2. Brief Plain Language Presentation of NMGRT
3. Draft Rulings 1, 2, and 3
4. Table 1 - Estimated Tax Status of SSD Budget for FY 89
5. Table 2 - Estimated NMGRT on SSD Budget for FY 89
6. Pie Chart of NMGRT in SSD Budget

Table 1 shows the application of the NMGRT to SSD's operations as represented by the FY 89 budget. It is estimated that only $659 million of the $7,210 million budget which could be transferred to NM would be subject to NMGRT. Table 2 computes the NMGRT on these services to be $34.64 million. This tax represents less than one-half of one percent of the SSD budget which could be transferred to NM.

Although California and Colorado do not impose sales tax on services at the present time, they may do so in the future. As states look for additional revenues to balance their budgets, they are turning to taxation of services. In 1990, for example, both New York and Massachusetts enacted sales taxes on services for the first time.

Other State and Local Taxes Imposed by California, Colorado and New Mexico

The significant state and local taxes which are imposed on SSD contractors and subcontractors are corporate income taxes, property taxes, payroll taxes, and sales (gross receipts) taxes. To measure the impact of these

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taxes imposed by New Mexico, California and Colorado, it was necessary to develop a profile for a typical contractor, compute the taxes imposed on this typical contractor, and then extrapolate these taxes to the complete set of SSD contractors.

Profile of a Typical Contractor

The factors set forth below for a typical contractor relate to each $1,000,000 of contract revenues.

Item	Amount (Per $1,000,000 Revenue)
Net income	$ 50,000
Value of real property owned and leased	130,000
Value of equipment owned and leased	70,000
Taxable purchased services	20,000
Taxable purchased tangibles	10,000
Annual purchase or lease of equipment	15,000
Number of full-time equivalent employees	10

Other State and Local Taxes

State and local taxes, other than the tax on certain services provided to SSD, would be imposed by New Mexico, California and Colorado on a typical SSD contractor relative to each $1,000,000 of contract revenues, as follows:

	Albuquerque, New Mexico		El Segundo, California		Colorado Springs, Colorado	
	Rate	Tax	Rate	Tax	Rate	Tax
Corporate income tax	.048	2,400	.007	4,850	.053	2,650
Property tax	.01200	2,610	.01021	2,706*	.01796	3,592
Sales tax						
Purchased services	.0575	1,150	-	-	-	-
Equipment	.0575	863	.0075	945	.065	910
Other tangibles	.0575	575	.0075	675	.065	650
Payroll taxes	.027/		.035/		.029/	
	11,500	3,193	7,000	2,450	10,000	2,900
Total taxes (per $1,000,000 revenue)		10,511		11,636		10,702

*Based on real estate values in California equal to 1.5 times the values in New Mexico and Colorado. In addition, California imposes property tax on possessory interests in tax exempt property (e.g., contractor use of Federal government property.) However, this amount has not been estimated.

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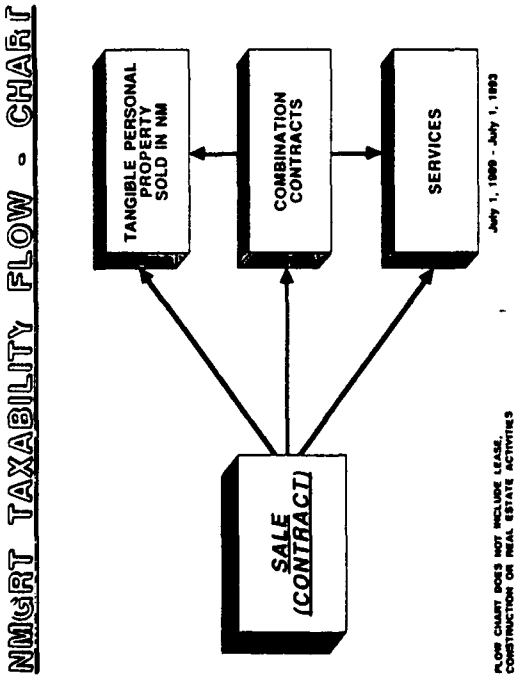
Total State and Local Taxes

Total state and local taxes on contractors, other than New Mexico's tax on services, have been estimated by projecting the taxes which would be paid by a typical contractor to SSD's total contract expenditures, assuming that the contractors eventually moved to the state in which SSD located. An analysis of SSD's FY 89 budget expenditures would indicate that SSD's contract expenditures exceed $6.0 billion per year. At a $6.0 billion contract level, the total other state and local taxes paid by the SSD contractors would be as follows, depending on the state in which SSD and its contractors located:

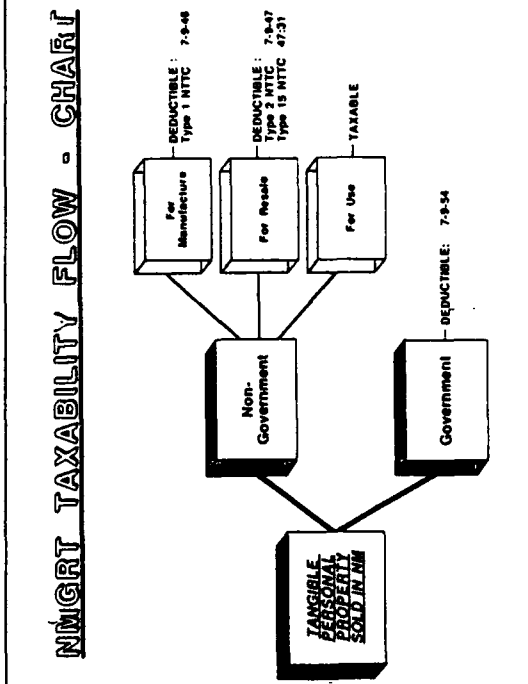
California	$ 69,756,000
Colorado	64,212,000
New Mexico	63,066,000

Thus, total other state and local taxes in California and Colorado would exceed New Mexico's taxes by more than $6.7 million and $1.1 million, respectively.

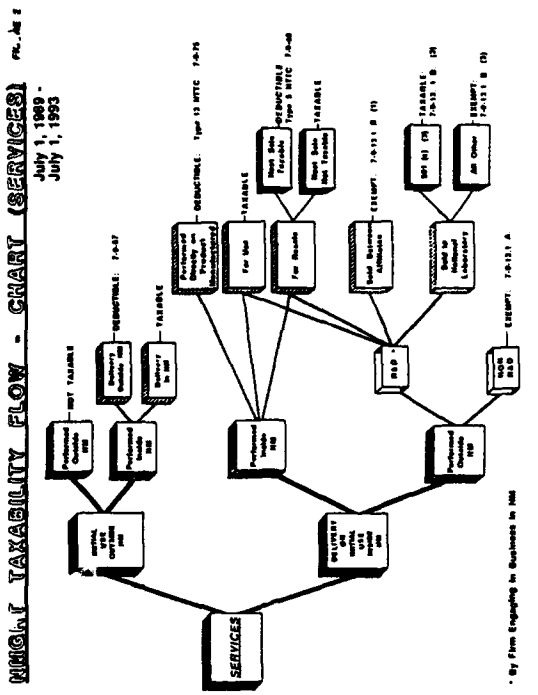
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Notes to Tables 1 and 2

(1) Total budget and program breakouts provided by SSD/PAM.

(2) Procurement funding: 3010 - Aircraft, 3020 - Missiles, 3080 - Other.

(3) Estimated at 2/3 of $80 total 3300 funding for HQ SAMTO, ESMC & WSMC. (See also Note 9.)

(4) Operations and Maintenance 3400 funding.

(5) Estimated at 2/3 of $323 total 3400 and $8 total 0102/7045 funding for HQ SAMTO, ESMC and WSMC, including staff support, plus $255 of other 3400 funding. (See also Note 8.)

(6) Estimated at 20% of total 0400 and 3600 funding less Aerospace Corporation.

(7) Estimated at 50% of SSD 3600 funding, 80% of ARPA 0400 funding and 80% of Other Agency 3600 funding remaining after removal of estimate for tangible personal property.

(8) Estimated at 1/3 of $332 total 3450/0102/7045 funding. (See also Note 5.)

(9) Estimated at 1/3 of $60 total 3300 funding. (See also Note 3.)

(10) Estimated at 50% of SSD 3600 funding, 20% of ARPA 0400 funding and 10% of Other Agency 3600 funding. (See also Note 7.)

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TABLE 1

ESTIMATED TAX STATUS OF SSD BUDGET FOR FY 89
Assuming SSD had been Located Entirely in New Mexico
(Dollars in Millions)

	Estimated Funding	
TOTAL SSD FY89 PROGRAM (1)	$7,708	
LESS Space Technology Center	-489	
TOTAL BUDGET TRANSFER	$7,219	
LESS ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES NOT TAXED		"Plain" Reference
Procurement Programs (2)	-2,614	A2, A9
Military Construction Outside NM (3)	-40	A4
Operations & Maintenance (4)		
Launch Systems	-452	A5
Defense & Surveillance	-46	A5
Communications, Operations, Support & Control	-286	A5
HQ ESMC, WSMC & Other Outside NM (5)	-476	A5
SSD Payroll (Military & Civilian)	-267	A1
Aerospace Corporation	-362	A1, A3, A10
Other Tangible Personal Property (6)	-498	A2, A9
Deductible Services (7)		
SSD Programs	-336	A6 to A8, A11
ARPA Programs	-470	A6 to A8, A11
Other Agencies	-660	A6 to A8, A11
ESTIMATED SSD BUDGET AMOUNT POTENTIALLY SUBJECT TO NM GROSS RECEIPTS TAX	$ 669	

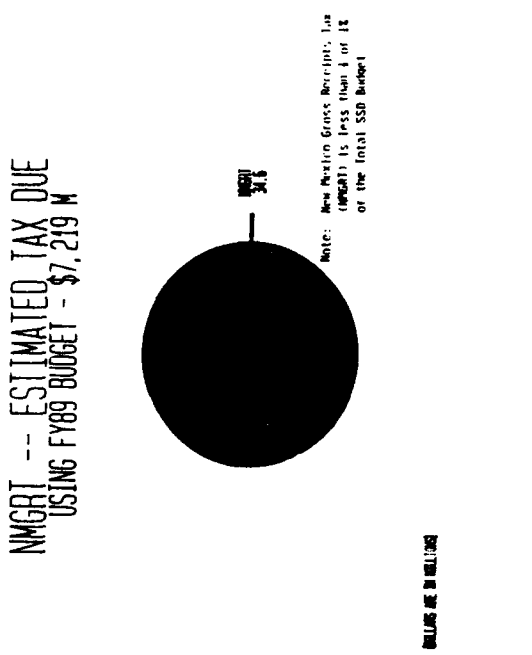
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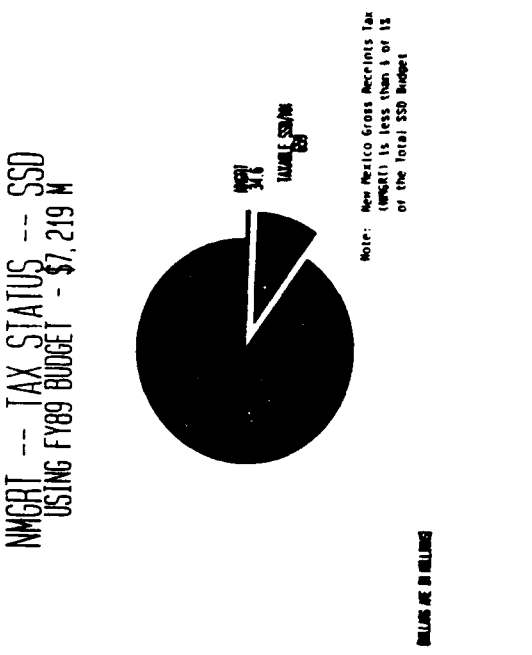
ESTIMATED NM GROSS RECEIPTS TAX ON SSD FY89 BUDGET
Assuming SEAT had been Located Entirely in New Mexico
(Dollars in Millions)

TYPE OF SERVICE	ESTIMATED FUNDING	"PLAIN" REFER.	LOCATION and RATE	TAX
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE IN NEW MEXICO (8)	$111	B1, B2	Kirtland AFB 5.25%	$ 5 83
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION IN NEW MEXICO (9)	20	B1, B4	Kirtland AFB 5.25%	1 05
RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT DELIVERED OR INITIALLY USED IN NEW MEXICO: (10)		B3	1/3 Abq at 5.75% plus 2/3 Outside New Mexico at 5.00% = Composite of 5.25%	
SSD FUNDED	$338			
ARPA FUNDED	117			
OTHERS	73			
	528			27.72
TOTALS	$669			$34 60

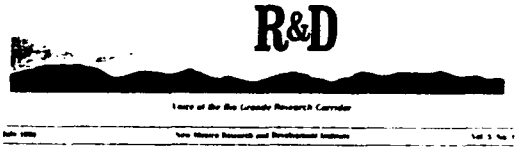
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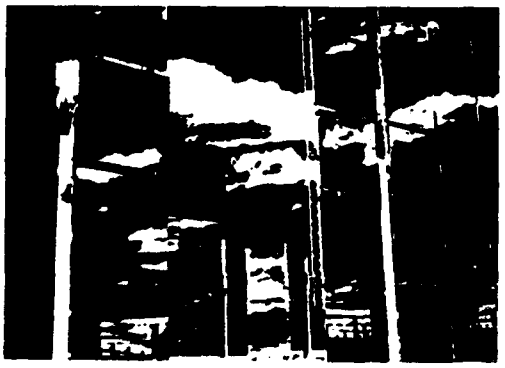


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The Rio Grande Research Corridor

Statewide Directory
of Technology-Related Organizations
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Document 106 also included attachments containing information on the following:

- Albuquerque Public Schools, the Albuquerque Technical-Vocational Institute, and the University of New Mexico,
- New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax,
- Transit and Local Transportation Capabilities,
- Telecommunications Network and Services,
- Health Care Available in Albuquerque,
- New Mexico Labs, Facilities, and Capabilities in Space Systems Research, Development, Test and Engineering, and
- Albuquerque Living/Quality of Life

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STATEMENT OF SENATOR PETE V. DOMENICI
SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION--DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
T-VI BOARD ROOM -- ALBUQUERQUE N.M.
SEPTEMBER 7, 1990

Good evening ladies and gentlemen. I want to welcome all of you here tonight to the T-VI Boardroom. I could not be here with you this evening because I am in Maryland with the President and other Congressional leaders at the Budget Summit at Andrews Air Force Base. While I could not be with you in person, I want the record to show my continued interest and support for moving the Space Systems Division to Kirtland Air Force Base. 15.10

Frankly, I was very pleased with the findings of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Clearly, Kirtland fared better than any of its competitors. Let me say that I was not at all suprised that the Air Force found Kirtland to be the most sound option environmentally.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement found certain areas at Vandenberg, March, Peterson and Falcon Air Force Bases that would be adversely affected where Kirtland would not. Water, Biological, Cultural, and Paleontological Resources all fell into this category.

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Specifically, impacts to groundwater resources, vegetation, and prehistoric sites at Vandenberg would be adversely affected. Biological resources at March would be adversely affected. Finally, groundwater resources at Falcon and other cultural resources would be adversely affected.

Contrastingly, however, Kirtland would not experience adverse impacts in any of these areas. That spells good news for Kirtland on the environmental front, but there are other reasons why the Air Force should move to Kirtland and I want to speak about them now.

I believe that moving the Space Systems Division to Kirtland is the smartest choice the Air Force can make on three counts. Environmentally, it is the wisest choice. Operationally, it is the wisest choice, and economically it is the wisest choice.

In its stated purpose and need for action the Air Force listed housing costs and commuting times as one of the reasons for moving the Space Systems Division. We already know that
the cost of housing in Albuquerque is less than that in the Colorado Springs area as the Draft Environmental Impact Statement has indicated. Albuquerque and Kirtland can solve the problem the Air Force encounters in Los Angeles, of

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providing affordable, comfortable housing for civilian and military personnel.

Second, everyone knows in order to enrich the quality of the system developed, all one needs to follow are the the three golden rules of the military business: colocation, colocation, and colocation. By bringing the Space Systems Division to Kirtland, thereby colocating it next to the Air Force Weapons Lab and the Space Technology Center, we ensure that there is close contact and immediate communication between the researchers and the developers. This synergism will put better systems in orbit, and that spells success.

New Mexico is also home to two of our nation's three National Laboratories. Sandia and Los Alamos truly define the cutting edge of technology, and a substantial portion of the activity at these facilities is directly relevant to -- and thus supportive of -- space systems Research Development Testing and Engineering (RTD&E).

Lastly, on the operational front, New Mexico is also home to the White Sands Missile Range which is the largest test range in the free world. White Sands currently supports RTD&E activities of 80 weapon, space and other programs.

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It's assets like these that I believe put Kirtland ahead of the pack, and I think the Air Force can see how valuable colocation next to them will produce magnificent results.

Perhaps most importantly, however, I believe the Air Force will find that Kirtland is also economically the smartest move to make. When the Air Force decided to list Kirtland as one of the competitors for the Space Systems Division, several leaders from the business, education, and governmental communities banned together to form a task force to address the serious issues the Air Force would be looking at. They have worked very hard, and I think their work has paid off.

What they have found is that it would cost less to move SSD to Kirtland because Kirtland has more ready space available and it could be renovated for less than what it would cost at the other facilities. The Task Force has prepared a detailed study, and I want to urge the Air Force to look at it very carefully as they continue with the other studies they are doing.

Clearly, the facility that is finally chosen should make sense environmentally, it should make sense operationally,

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and it should make sense economically. I believe that when the Air Force considers these criteria they will find that

Kirtland is the wisest choice as the new home for the Space Systems Division.

Once again, I want to thank you all for coming. I will continue to follow the development of this issue very closely as we work together to make this great opportunity a reality.

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STEVEN SCHIFF
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Sept. 7, 1990

Director of Environmental Planning
Department of the Air Force
Regional Civil Engineer -- Ballistic Missile Support

15.10 Thank you once again for this opportunity to recommend Kirtland Air Force Base and Albuquerque as the future home of the United States Air Force Space Systems Division.

I join a host of military and space experts in recommending Albuquerque and Kirtland for the Space Systems Division. As a member of Congress and as a member of the New Mexico Air National Guard stationed at Kirtland, I am convinced there is no better site available anywhere. And I am fully confident that the site-selection evaluation currently under way will bear me out.

Kirtland Air Force Base and the City of Albuquerque are at the very heart of one of the most impressive collections of defense and energy- and space-related research and technology facilities in the entire world. An Albuquerque-based Space Systems Division would not only be a part of one of the most technologically advanced air bases in the world, it would also be within walking distance of Sandia National Laboratory, less than 100 miles from Los Alamos National Laboratory and only a little further away from White Sands Missile Range. We have the personnel and the infrastructure needed to support the Space Systems Division right now and in the future.

The city and the base have the necessary housing and office space available to meet the demands of the division and support industries, and we have an outstanding educational system that includes the University of New Mexico and the Technical-Vocational Institute. We also have some of the finest medical facilities in the world, and a relatively low cost of living.

We also offer a quality of life that is unmatched. From the majestic Sandia Mountains on the east to the ancient petroglyphs on the west, there is no more beautiful, more diverse, more welcoming place than the state of New Mexico, the City of Albuquerque and Kirtland Air Force Base.

I believe we have a great, great deal to offer the Space Systems Division. We look forward to your arrival and to a long and mutually beneficial relationship.

Sincerely,

Steve Schiff

Steve Schiff
Member of Congress

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kenn Holzer, SSD Relocation Task Force Director

FROM: Don Silva, Chairman, Environmental Committee

DATE: August 29, 1990

RE: Evaluation of the Draft EIS

The format for these comments to the SSD-EIS is in the following sequence:

1. When possible, the page and line number of the statement in question are identified. The page number is where the statement appears first in the EIS. The line number count includes titles and every line of print. For generic comments or comment that pertain to a number of locations, the paragraph title is used in lieu of a line number.
2. The comment/question followed by the rationale for the comment/question.

p.S-1 Line 23. Alternative 4 proposed lacks a rationale. The EIS process requires a clear description of the action and alternatives. By the statement in the document, it is considered a "flexible" response to allow decision-makers to respond to unforeseen changes. The entire DOD is undergoing significant changes and this rationale lacks credibility because the reason given could also avoid making any kind of change. It is so general as to defy any clear environmental analysis in the true spirit of NEPA. Recommend it be dropped from consideration. 3.11

p.s-1,4,5. Community Setting section of each alternative. Each paragraph contains a discussion of land requirements both on-base and off-base for the alternatives proposed. There is no accompanying description of how these numbers were arrived at and what criteria were used to make the determination. There is adequate description of square footage requirements for laboratory and office requirements and the impact for each alternative. Recommend a rationale or description of the method used to determine acreage requirements for each alternative be included somewhere in the document. 3.12

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3.14 p. 2-7 Last paragraph. The facility space requirements are detailed in the paragraph without a discussion of how these numbers were derived. Are these numbers from the presently occupied space at the Los Angeles AFB and the FFRDC? Are these future requirements? Do these requirements take into account any drawdown of SSD and FFRDC activities and therefore a lower space requirement? *Is there a requirement* for all of the space presently occupied by the FFRDC or are some of the laboratories outdated? Not Used? Inadequate and therefore in need of rehabilitation or rebuilding? It is recognized that a more detailed study of space requirements at SSD, FFRDC and the alternative locations and more precise information may be available for the FEIS. Qualified members of our DEIS review task force have also taken a brief look at the availability and cost of space if the Kirtland AFB alternative is selected. This information is included for your use as you may elect.

p. 2-26 paragraph 2.4.2 March AFB, CA and Section 3-4.. The entire discussion about this alternative lacks some considerations that have not been evaluated. These include:

3.15 Discussion in the text indicates that certain operations will be moving from Norton AFB to March AFB as part of an earlier relocation for the closure of Norton AFB. There is no discussion of the cumulative impacts of this Norton relocation with the relocations proposed in this EIS except to mention that the same areas would not be required by both relocations. (p 4.4-24 para 4.4.12)

3.16 The map on p 2-27 as well as the text on p 3.4-1 indicate the existence of a proposed military retirement community called Air Force Village West. The existence of this community coupled with the relocation of Norton AFB activities and the relocations proposed in this EIS are not evaluated in terms of the cumulative impacts on support facilities (medical, commissary, AAFES, MWR). This impact could result in increased costs of the SSD relocation to expand support facilities as a result of these cumulative impacts.

3.17 The relocation of the DRMO from Norton AFB brings with it the facilities to transport and store hazardous materials. While the DRMO relocation to March AFB is mentioned in the text there is no discussion on the impact of this increased handling and storage of hazardous materials on the proposed SSD relocation.

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Air quality impacts at March AFB are not adequately discussed. For example the existence of March AFB permits with the local air quality district is mentioned but the status of these is not discussed. No discussion is included concerning the status of the permits and whether they are current or tied up in litigation. The permit status could affect the acquisition of new permits if the present ones are not currently paid up to date or tied up in litigation or Notices of Violation. In addition, what is not treated is the impact on *air quality resulting from the fact* that the major airport for this relocation option is at Ontario, CA. This will cause additional motor vehicle traffic for the some 60,000 plus trips taken each year by SSD/FFRDC that will negatively impact air quality because of the increased emissions from the additional automobile travel. There is no treatment of the air quality impact on visitors to SSD/FFRDC that would also have to come in to the Ontario airport and require ground transportation to March AFB. 11.5 11.6

p. S-6 Table S-1 Air Quality. All of the areas, both existing locations and proposed locations, are non-attainment for one or more of the NAAQS. However, the impact for the bases closure side EIS is listed as not significant while the air quality impacts for all other alternatives are listed as significant. It is fair to note that the South Coast Air Basin is so large that the impact of the reduction of pollutants from the closures may not be significant because the air basin is so large. It may even be that the South Coast Air Basin is as large as all the alternative air basins combined. While the amount of pollution from the SSD/FFRDC are the same, the fact that the pollutants are being emitted in such a large air basin allows the conclusion that the impact of a reduction to be not significant. A further point needs to be made that makes mention of the fact that the South Coast Air Basin which includes SSD/FFRDC and March AFB are non-attainment for four NAAQ - O_3, CO, NO_{2x}, and PM_{10}, while all other alternatives are non-attainment for one pollutant. 11.7 11.8

p. 2-9 Table 2.2-2 and p.2-30 para 2.4.3 Peterson AFB/Falcon AFB. There is no discussion or indication of the need for military family housing at this location. There does not appear to be a statement that the MFH situation is adequate. 3.18

p. 2-44 Table 2.6.1-2 Water Resources Category for the March AFB alternative indicates no significant impact on water resources, yet the water supply discussion on p. 3.4-11 para 3.4.4.1 indicates that the current demand on the water supply system is at 92% and projected to go to 106-108% of capacity without the increase from this proposed action. Further discussion in the environmental impacts section seem to ignore the increased demand on a water system already at capacity. 7.2

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15.9 p. 3.6-1 Line 37. The Contract Management Division has been disbanded and is no longer an organization on KAFB.

p. 4.1-1 Last line, last sentence. There appears to be a word or series of words missing - one would assume that the intent is to show a decrease in the population from the closure.

7.3 p. 4.1-4 Line 13. The decrease demand on water supply may be a small impact; however, any demand decrease in an areas that has water supply problems takes on greater significance and becomes a beneficial impact.

3.19 p. 4.1-5 para 4.1.5. While all locations and alternatives must meet federal hazardous materials/waste management regulations, the state of California has implemented its own more stringent regulations. This results in higher compliance costs for HM/W management regulatory compliance and monitoring. There is a beneficial effect from the proposed actions for all alternative actions outside of California where the most stringent HM/W regulations exist. This issue is also true for other types of environmental compliance issues such as wastewater disposal, solid waste handling, and air quality. California is noted for its very stringent environmental regulations which translates into a higher cost of doing business in all environmental areas. Since AF facilities and contractors must comply with local environmental regulations this translates into a higher cost of operation in any California location.

15.9 p.4.6-1 line 12 Address new facility construction requirements for Vandenberg AFB in the Kirtland AFB section.

5.5 p. 4.6-5 last para line 3. It should be pointed out that these are not continuously operating reactors that are used for electrical generation, but are research reactors used on demand basis as research projects dictate. It should be further noted that the exclusion distance of 3000 meters was selected not on a safety distance criteria, but on the basis of what controlled the adjacent land, i.e., AF and DOE.

8.3 p. 4.6-11 para 4.6.5 Hazardous Materials/Waste Management. It should be pointed out that a newly constructed and State permitted Hazardous Materials handling, storage and disposal facility is in existence and ready for operation by DRMO. This facility should be capable of handling any increase in hazardous materials brought on by the relocation of SSD and the FFRDC to KAFB.

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p. C-18 and C-19. Representatives Raymond Sanchez, Kiki Saavedra, Daniel P. Silva, and Don Silva were all present at the meeting and should be shown on page C-16 under state officials. In addition, Rep. Sanchez is Speaker of the House of Representatives and Don Silva is the Minority Whip. Both spoke at the scoping hearing to indicate bi-partisan support for the relocation to KAFB. This lists also omits Dr. Arthur Guenther, the Science and Technology advisor to the Governor, who also spoke at the Scoping meeting. 15.17

A final overall comment about the DEIS is appropriate because is not discussed and is a glaring omission in the document. The nature of the work of the SSD/FFRDC is on the forefront of high technology initiatives in the U.S. This type of activity requires a support system or infrastructure that allows scientists and engineers to interact and support each other in the development of new technologies of importance to the SSD/FFRDC missions. Simply stated, it is a net beneficial impact to the mission of these organizations to be in an environment conducive to research and development activities. The Rio Grande Research Corridor (RGRC) is such a location. The State of New Mexico has created five Centers of Technical Excellence with an infusion of over $30 million over the past five years. In addition, the state has funded and the University of New Mexico has received outside funding support for a micro-sciences center that is part of the technology needs of the space program. The government-universities-national laboratories-private industry are all coupled in to the high tech industrial development of the RGRC which is probably the best environment that SSD/FFRDC could ask for to generate new ideas, concepts and approaches to their mission. Recommend the EIS include an evaluation of university or other technical research support facilities that contribute to the "goal of producing a professional management team for future space systems development." 15.18

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City of Albuquerque

P.O. BOX 1293 ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87103

August 20, 1990

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Development Director
Albuquerque Economic Development
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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON THE JULY 1990 DRAFT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY (EIS) FOR RELOCATION OF THE AIR FORCE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION TO KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE

(UPDATED FROM AUGUST 7, 1990 LETTER)

Dear Mr. Scott:

As per your recent request, the Transportation Division of the Public Works Department has reviewed the transportation-related excerpts of the July, 1990 draft of the EIS for the relocation of the Air Force Space Systems Division to Kirtland AFB and submits the following comments according to the format proposed in your memo of July 23, 1990:

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1. Table 3.6.3-1: Existing Conditions-Column 2: Average Daily Traffic(ADT):

Proposed Change: Make these numbers correspond to the ADT (Average Weekday Traffic) numbers shown on the 1989 Traffic Flow Map (attached) published by the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments. Label this column Average Weekday Traffic (AWDT) instead of Average Daily Traffic. Also, label this column only as having for its source the MRGCOG, and not the entire table.

Rationale: The ADT numbers shown in this column do not correspond to the AWDT (Average Weekday Traffic) numbers shown on the 1989 Traffic Flow Map published by the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments (MRGCOG). The latter are the most current traffic flow numbers and should be used (and so-labelled) in this EIS. The entire table should not be labelled as having for its source the MRGCOG, since the Roadway Capacity (Column 1) and LOS (Columns 6 and 7) have not been supplied or calculated by the MRGCOG (see remaining comments).

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2. Table 3.6.3-1: Columns 3 and 5: V/C Ratio

Proposed Change: These two columns should be recalculated.

Rationale: Given the changes in the 1989 AWDT called for in Table 3.6.3-1 (cited in the previous comment), these two columns should be recalculated.

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3. Table 3.6.3-1: Columns 6 and 7: LOS

Proposed Change: This column should be labelled "Peak-Hour LOS" or "All-day LOS". Its derivation should be described in the accompanying text: "Operating Conditions on Roadways".

Rationale: It is not clear how the LOS numbers are calculated. Are they a direct function of the V/C ratios shown in columns 3 and 5 of this table? If so, this is not a correct inference for signalized urban arterial segments, since the LOS numbers are not based on average speeds along the segment or delays at intersections. Also, if they are all-day LOS figures, they would implicitly assume an even traffic flow over the 24-hour period, which is not true for the Gibson East corridor. In the description of LOS given in Table 3.1.3-2, Highway Capacity Manual-HCM Special Report 87 is cited. The date of this Special Report should be given, since the most recent Highway Capacity Manual is Special Report 209. This latter report should be used and referenced.

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4. Section 3.6.3.1 Traffic, paragraph entitled "Operating Conditions on Roadways" (page 3.6-12):

Proposed Change: The consultant performing this analysis should be encouraged to perform some type of peak-hour analysis on the Gibson East roadway segments and selected intersections.

Rationale: The preceding paragraph in the EIS ("Existing Traffic Volumes") states that "traffic problems on the base are generally confined to the peak-hour situations where major streets, including Gibson Boulevard, Wyoming Boulevard, and Pennsylvania Avenue north of "O" Street become congested." These, some type of peak-hour analyses should be performed on these major streets and intersections. The peak-hour and directional factor assumptions used in arriving at the LOS figures should be defined. The consultant should also be advised to use the methodology from the 1985 Highway Capacity Manual (Special Report 209--specifically Chapters 9 and 11) to perform these analyses, in order to be consistent with generally the most up-to-date accepted traffic engineering practice. The methodology should also be noted in the text.

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3. Additional General Comment: A Mitigation Measures Section is shown on pages 4.7-1 thru 4.7-4. Some methods to minimize traffic congestion have been identified under the Air Quality section, but a specific section addressing traffic mitigation measures such as staggered work schedules, ride-sharing, transit, one-way street systems, intersection improvements, and access control for the peak-hour congestion on major streets in the impacted area should be added.

If you have any questions regarding these comments and suggestions, please call John Hoffmeister of my staff at 768-3658.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Walter E. Richerson Jr., Assistant Director
Public Works Department

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Attachments: 1989 Traffic Flow Map
1989 Long Range Major Street Plan

cc: Robert E. Garcia, Director, Public Works Department
John Winton, Manager, Transportation Division
Albert I. Pierce, Executive Director, MRGCOG
John Castillo, Manager, Transportation Planning Section, Transportation Division
John Hoffmeister, Transportation Planner, Transportation Planning Section
D. Sterling Mathias, Transportation Planner, Trans. Planning Section

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TRANSPORTATION POSITION PAPER
IN SUPPORT OF
THE PROPOSED RELOCATION OF
THE AIR FORCE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION
TO
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE

July 16, 1990

The transportation network of the City of Albuquerque is well prepared to serve the transportation needs of Kirtland Air Force Base including the relocation of the Air Force Space Systems Division to Kirtland. The City of Albuquerque, often in cooperation with federal, state and other local governments, has made concerted efforts to maintain, improve and implement the major street network envisioned in the Long Range Major Street Plan (see Map A) particularly as it serves Kirtland Air Force Base.

Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) has access to Interstate 40 via Eubank Boulevard, Wyoming Boulevard, Louisiana Boulevard, which are Principal Arterials, and access via San Mateo Boulevard, which is a limited-access Principal Arterial, through the Truman Street/Grace Street Gate. KAFB has Minor Arterial access to Interstate 40 via Carlisle Boulevard. KAFB has access to Interstate 25 via Gibson Boulevard, a limited-access Principal Arterial. KAFB also has special alternative access from Broadway Boulevard to and from the south via Los Pizarro Road and Ira Sprecher Road. These access points have allowed for a balanced approach to accommodating commuting employees into and off of KAFB. Also, the multiple alternative access locations will aid in avoiding the interruption of sensitive shipments by protesting groups.

The City of Albuquerque is in the process of extending Gibson Boulevard through KAFB from Louisiana Boulevard to Juan Tabo Boulevard in coordination with KAFB staff to better serve KAFB and the regional transportation needs of Albuquerque. The existing portion of Gibson Boulevard from Interstate 25 east to Louisiana Boulevard will also be improved. The City of Albuquerque has programmed $10,000,000 for this project in the City's approved Decade Plan and anticipates matching funds from the Federal Highway Administration and the New Mexico State Highway Department.

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Likewise, a new Interstate 25 interchange and roadway to support Broadway Boulevard south of the Interstate 25/Gibson Boulevard interchange is being planned to better serve the commuter transportation needs of the Albuquerque International Airport and KAFB. The City of Albuquerque has programmed $1,400,000 for this project in the City's Decade Plan and anticipates matching funds from the Federal Aviation Administration, the Federal Highway Administration, and the New Mexico State Highway Department.

The County of Bernalillo, in cooperation with the City of Albuquerque and in coordination with KAFB staff, is in the process of extending San Mateo Boulevard southward through KAFB to an extension of Rio Bravo Boulevard east of the Rio Bravo Boulevard/Interstate 25 interchange to better serve KAFB and the regional transportation needs of Albuquerque.

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A central traffic control computer connected to over half of the City's traffic signals provides for the safe and efficient movement of traffic entering and exiting KAFB. Automatic adjustments by the traffic control computer throughout the day allows the traffic signal timings to match the changing traffic flows. Scheduled upgrades to the traffic control computer system will allow all the City's traffic signals to be coordinated together, further reducing delays to motorists. The City of Albuquerque also has an established ongoing program to reduce delays to the motoring public through the installation and maintenance of modern traffic signal equipment.

Maintenance of the City of Albuquerque's public streets is the responsibility of the Public Works Department's Street Maintenance Program. This Street Maintenance Program is based on the annual comprehensive street condition ratings for the total street system (1,579 miles). The arterial street segments of Gibson Boulevard, Carlisle Boulevard, San Mateo Boulevard, Louisiana Boulevard, Wyoming Boulevard and Eubank Boulevard, south of Central Avenue and east of Interstate 25, serving Kirtland Air Force Base have street condition ratings ranging from very good to very poor, with the majority of streets in the fair to poor range. The only street segment to be rated very poor (Wyoming Boulevard, from San Joaquin Avenue to Central Avenue) is scheduled to be rehabilitated as part of the 1990 Master Repaving Program with and estimated completion date of August, 1990.

The past record of street rehabilitation and maintenance within the City of Albuquerque shows continued spending increases. The City's Decade Plan, combined with City's Quality-of-Life funding program and other related funding sources, designates funding for street rehabilitation and reconstruction totaling nearly $40,000,000 for the next ten years.

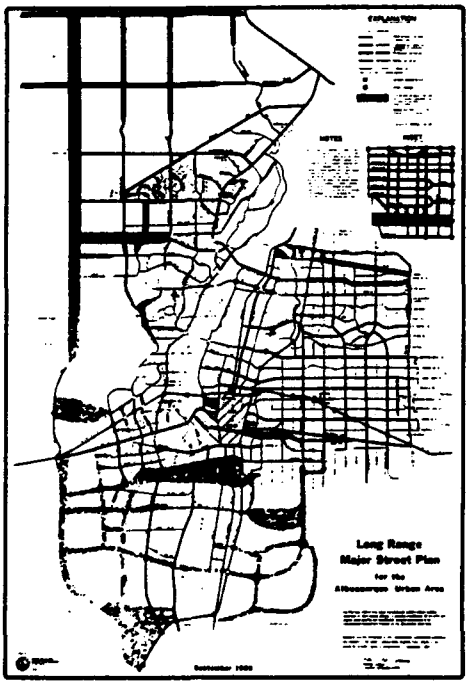
The City of Albuquerque also has an efficient public transit system and a system of bikeways to serve KAFB. Four bus routes and five commuter buses now serve KAFB. The bikeways system serving KAFB has helped make KAFB among the largest users of bicycles to commute to work.

Albuquerque could immediately absorb the initial increase in travel demand generated by the Space Systems Division upon the City's street system, public transit system and extensive bikeways network, all of which focus toward KAFB in the southeast quadrant of Albuquerque. The programmed projects identified in this position paper for upcoming implementation will further enhance our ability to serve KAFB well into the next century.

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20 August 1990

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In Re: Comments on Draft Environmental Impact Statement of July 1990
Relocation of the Air Force Space Systems Division to KAFB

Dear Mr. Scott:

As per your request I am pleased to transmit the revised water and wastewater text amendments 3.6.4.1 and 3.6.4.2. 7.4

Sincerely,

Walter H. Richerson Jr., Assistant Director
Public Works Department

WHR/mrf
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cc: Robert E. Gurule, Director
Gary Dovey, Utility Planning

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3.6.4.1 Water Supply

The City of Albuquerque provides potable water to its residents and Kirtland AFB from groundwater sources. The City's water supply is pumped from the aquifer contained within the Rio Grande Basin. The most recent U. S. Geological Survey estimate (1975) is that the volume of recoverable fresh ground water in the Albuquerque segment of the Rio Grande Basin is about 2.3 billion acre-feet. Surface flow in the Rio Grande and Rio Grande Basin ground-water are hydrologically linked and ground water withdrawal is regulated to protect surface flows. City treated water rights of over 16,000 acre-feet (i.e. right to deplete surface flows) will surface until 1995. Water rights deficits will then be met with the new 48,200 acre-feet of water the City receives through the Bureau of Reclamation's San Juan-Chama project. This water plus additional water rights the City has acquired and continues to acquire should satisfy City water rights needs through about 2030, with an assumed population of about 900,000. The City is undertaking a comprehensive Water Resource Management Planning process that will define water resource needs and strategies to meet these needs to the year 2040.

Once the water is pumped out, it is stored in enclosed reservoirs [deo deoeebeeteon-], is chlorinated, fluoridated, and distributed. The City's system presently has a capacity of 267 million gallons per day (MGD). In 1989, peak demand was 210 MGD, or 79 percent of the system operating capacity. Projected population growth will increase demands to 334.7 MGD by 1996 based on a capita demand of 247 gallons per day per capita (gpcd). A summary of existing and projected demand is provided in Table 3.6.4-1. Average daily demand in 1989 was an estimated 47 percent of the system's capacity in 1996 and 1997 based on population growth estimates.

Potable water for Kirtland AFB is primarily from groundwater wells located on the base. The aquifer is a part of the Rio Grande Basin. The base has a contractural allocation of 2,085 million gallons annually from the aquifer. Approximately 3.98 MGD was pumped in FY 1989 or approximately 70 percent of their allocation. The City supplied an additional 0.8 MGD to meet peak demands. Average daily demand is presented in Table 3.6.4-1 for 1989 and the projected increase anticipated with the addition of personnel as a result of the transfer of the AFISC headquarters from Norton AFB.

3.6.4.2 Wastewater

Wastewater generated by the City of Albuquerque and Kirtland AFB is processed by the city at a combined trickling filter and activated-sludge treatment plant with an operating capacity of 60 MGD. Average daily wastewater flows are presented in Table 3.6.4-1. Average daily flow in 1989 was 92 percent of the system's operating capacity. A planned upgrade will increase the system's operating capabilities to [58-MGD] 76 MGD by December 1993; this expansion is expected to meet flow requirements to the year 2003. Projected average daily flow in 1996 and 1997 is an estimated [69] 82.6 and [80] 83.6 percent of the increased capacity system, respectively. Kirtland AFB presently contributes an average daily wastewater flow of 2.27 MGD to the city's treatment facility. The wastewater flow is projected to increase to 2.31 MGD by 1996.

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CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE September 6, 1990 REF NO _____

TO: Dave Scott, Albuquerque Economic Development

FROM: Sarah B. Kotchian, Director, Environmental Health Department

SUBJECT: COMMENTS -- DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT -- SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION RELOCATION

Staff from the Air Pollution Control Division have reviewed pertinent sections of the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed relocation of the Air Force Space Systems Division. As requested in your July 31 letter, erroneous information, specific to air quality, has been corrected and replacement language suggested. In addition, comments have also been made concerning the general methodology used in the EIS for evaluating the traffic related air quality impacts of the proposed actions.

If you have questions concerning this correspondence or require additional information, please contact either Scott Stapp or David Pennington at 768-2600.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the subject document review.

Specific Comments

underscored text is corrected and/or suggested replacement information | 11.9

Page 3.6-20
Section 3.6.8.2
Existing Air Quality - Paragraph One
Line 2 - There are 11 ambient air monitoring stations located within Bernalillo County.

Line 3 - Ten sites measure PM_{10}, five sites measure O_3, six sites measure CO, one site measures HC_x, and seven sites record wind speed and direction.

Line 6 - Site 22A monitors PM_{10}, CO, and wind speed and direction.

Line 7 - A summary of the maximum pollutant concentrations occurring from 1983 to 1988 in Bernalillo County is presented in Table 3.6.8-2 (attached).

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Line 8 - The 8-hour ambient air quality standard for CO was exceeded in all years. The number of exceptions over the standard and the number of stations exceeding the standard have decreased over the years, however, resulting in only the microscale station (22A) having exceeded the standard in 1989.

Line 11 - The federal 1-hour standard for ozone has not been exceeded in Bernalillo County. While the state standard of .06 ppm has been exceeded, this is the lowest state standard in all areas considered by this EIS. Furthermore, the state standard is not enforced.

Page 3.6-21.
Section 3.6.8.2
Existing Air Quality - suggested replacement for paragraph two
In 1989, Albuquerque exceeded the CO standard only at its microscale site (22A) located near the intersection of San Mateo and Menaul. According to the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments, this is the third busiest intersection in the state of New Mexico. Data from this station is not considered by the Albuquerque Environmental Health Department to accurately reflect exposure to residents. Many control strategies have been implemented to reduce air pollutant emissions. These include implementation of a vehicle inspections and maintenance program, restrictions on residential woodburning, mandatory wintertime oxygenated fuels usage and improved traffic programs. In addition, city ordinances have been passed that require environmental review of development plans and other land use actions. At a site specific nature, emphasis is focused primarily on a project's traffic generation and how well the surrounding transportation system can accommodate the generated traffic. Other key factors are the internal circulation of the proposed site, its layout and egress, existing and [ant air pollution levels, and the location of nearby sensitive land uses (e.g. residential areas, hospitals, schools, etc.) that may be affected by the development.

Page 3.6-24
Section 3.6.8.3
Emission Sources - Paragraph One
Line 1 - Emissions data presented in Table 3.6.8-3 reflects particulate matter in the form of Total Suspended Particulate (TSP) not PM_{10} as described in the document.

Line 4 - The predominant source of emissions of CO, NO_x, and HC in the county is from mobile sources.

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The general statements and conclusions of Section 4.6.8, Air Quality Impacts of the Proposed Action are adequate for comparative purposes. One finding, however, should be deleted. Paragraph 3 of 4.6.8.1 discusses the predicted one-hour concentrations of carbon monoxide expected to result from projected generated traffic. The validity of this data is difficult to assess without very detailed information concerning meteorological, traffic and receptor assumptions used in the line source model. Furthermore, the traffic data discussed within the report is of insufficient detail and refinement to accurately predict concentration of pollutants with any degree of confidence. For these reasons, references to pollutant concentration should be deleted. | 11.10

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ALBUQUERQUE AIR QUALITY DATA SUMMARY
CALENDAR YEARS 1983 - 1989
CARBON MONOXIDE (CO), OZONE (O_3), PARTICULATE MATTER LT 10 MICRONS (PM10)

YEAR	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
# CO MONITORS	6	5	6	6	5	5	6	5	6
# CO 8 HOUR STANDARD (9 PPM) EXCEEDANCES	6	6	14	22	19	6	75	46	75
# STATIONS THAT EXCEED 8 HOUR STANDARD	1	2	5	3	3	2	5	5	5
# CO 8 HOUR STANDARD EXCEEDANCES AT MILLSCALE (12th)	6	5	4	15	14	5	49	26	49
2ND MAXIMUM EIGHT HOUR CO READING (PPM)	11.1	11.1	15.9	14.0	16.2	11.1	17.2	15.7	17.2
# O_3 MONITORS	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	5
2ND MAXIMUM O_3 HOURLY READING (PPM) STANDARD .12 PPM	.100	.107	.109	.108	.099	.107	.103	.105	.103
# PM10 MONITORS	10	7	5	1	5	7	--	--	--
2ND MAXIMUM PM10 24 HOUR READING (UG/M3) STANDARD 150 UG/M3	116	88	113	--	91	88	--	--	--
HIGHEST ANNUAL ARITHMETIC PM10 MEAN (UG/M3) STANDARD 50 UG/M3	59.7	43.4	32.5	--	34.1	--	--	--	--

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PNM

July 27, 1990

JUL 30 1990

Mr. David Scott
Albuquerque Economic Development
Post Office Box 25100
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87125

Subject: A.F. Space System Command
Environmental Impact Study (EIS)

Dear Dave:

PNM would propose that the energy section of the EIS would read as follows: 7.5

3.6.4.4 ENERGY

UTILITY. The Public Service Company of New Mexico, headquartered in Albuquerque, is an investor-owned electric and gas utility serving the Albuquerque area as well as other communities in New Mexico. The company employs approximately 3,200 nature professionals who are dedicated to excellence in providing service to its customers. Electricity is provided through PNM Electric Division (PNM) and natural gas is provided through the Gas Company of New Mexico (GCNM).

ELECTRICITY. PNM with approximately $2 billion invested in electric plant and equipment, has installed and in operation 1,591 megawatts of generating capacity, fueled 60 percent by coal and 30 percent by nuclear and 10 percent by gas and oil. The peak load requirements for 1990 are projected to be 1,017 megawatts. Two generating plants already have pollution controls which are more than adequate to meet current and proposed clean air standards. In addition to these generation assets we have firm contracts to purchase an additional 148 MW from other utilities which bring total generation resources to 1,739 MW for 1990. Contract purchases are scheduled to increase over the next 10 years such that our total generation resources will be 1,851 MW in the year 2000. The transmission and distribution system operates safely and dependably to achieve a 99.7 percent reliability record.

PNM's service to Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) is governed by a contract and specific retail rate entitled "Schedule 40000: United States Government Special Contract--Time-of-Use-Rate." The contract further provides that in instances where the government may have an option of locating major new loads at KAFB and where the decision regarding the location depends upon electric rates, PNM will work with

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Mr. David Scott - 2 - July 27, 1990

the government to develop and seek necessary regulatory approval for a special economic development incentive rate. PNM has successfully implemented such rates for our larger industrial customers over the past year. However, the availability of such a rate will depend largely on its overall significance in the governments' location decision.

NATURAL GAS. Natural gas is supplied to the City of Albuquerque and Kirtland AFB by Gas Company of New Mexico (GCNM). GCNM serves 339,000 customers with total sales of 0.69 billion cubic feet in 1989. Long term contracts assure extensive supplies for future peak demands. Kirtland AFB is supplied natural gas from a 14-inch high pressure main with four points of delivery at pressures ranging from 40 to 60 pounds per square inch. The base consumed 1,505,589 Mcf in FY 1989. A U.S. Department of Energy Office of the Inspector General, April 1990 Report states that by purchasing gas from a third party and using GCNM's extensive distribution system, Kirtland/Sandia reduced the average cost of gas from $3.15 per Mcf to $2.27 per Mcf. Over a five year period it was projected that $3.8 million will be saved by Kirtland/Sandia through this transportation agreement. Any additional growth by Kirtland/Sandia will give way to increased savings above the $3.8 million.

Dave, if you want additional help on this project, please let me know.

Milo L. McGonagle
Vice President

MLM:blm

cc: Mr. Bud Mulcock
Mr. Jim Hunter
Ms. Becky Kilbourne
Mr. Frank Burcham
Ms. Carol Radosevich

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GARREY CARRUTHERS
Governor

OFFICE of the GOVERNOR
State of New Mexico
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

September 7, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol, Director
Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, California 92409-6448

Dear Col. Bartol:

I have followed with great interest the proposal that the Air Force Space Systems Division be relocated to Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque. 15.10

New Mexico is proud to be home for a number of federal research and defense facilities. Important among these are the Weapons Laboratory at Kirtland AFB, as well as DOE's Los Alamos and Sandia National Laboratories.

We believe that Kirtland and Albuquerque offer major attractions for the SSD, including significant cost savings, a major concentration of related applied science activity and newly expanded air transport facilities. Your own Weapons Laboratory officers and employees will probably agree with me that the Albuquerque area is unsurpassed in delivering the many qualities that make life worth living.

You may depend on us for close cooperation and for a warm welcome to New Mexico.

Sincerely,

Garrey Carruthers
Governor

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Frank Bond
GOVERNOR

September 5, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-HHS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA. 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

The single greatest challenge facing New Mexico's next governor is economic development. Providing good jobs and a healthy business climate has been one of the highest priorities of my campaign...and it will be one of my highest priorities as governor.

15.10 Recently, I met with members of the New Mexico Space Systems Division Relocation Task Force. I pledged my support in their efforts to present Kirtland Air Force Base as an excellent alternative for the Space Systems Division and the Aerospace Corporation. The project is precisely the type of economic development that my administration will pursue and I encourage your critical review of Albuquerque as the future home of SSD.

Albuquerque and New Mexico offer a cornucopia of factors to improve one's quality of life while affording every citizen the opportunity to become part of our vibrant culture. We also offer a number practical benefits:

- Relative low cost of living
- Close proximity to the University of New Mexico, New Mexico Tech and New Mexico State University, each of which provide excellent graduate or under graduate programs
- Access to Los Alamos and Sandia Laboratories
- Ideal recruitment conditions for employees looking to relocate to the Southwest
- A rich arts and entertainment base including the Santa Fe Opera, New Mexico Symphony, Albuquerque Little Theater

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As a fourth generation New Mexican, it would be easy for me to spend several hours describing our beautiful city and state. Unfortunately, mere verbal descriptions can never detail the rich heritage we have in the Land of Enchantment.

In closing, I am committed to New Mexico's business community and, as governor, will work to improve business conditions through changes to our worker's compensation laws, review and revision of our tax structure, and providing incentives to business development.

If I may be of any assistance during your relocation efforts, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Frank M. Bond

Frank Bond

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BRUCE KING
GOVERNOR DEMOCRAT

September 5, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-HHS/DEP
Norton AFB, California 92409-6448

15.10 As a two-time former governor and potentially governor again beginning in 1991, I want to express to you my support for the relocation of the Air Force Space Systems Division and/or the Aerospace Corporation to Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque should the proposed closing of Los Angeles Air Force Base occur.

I think you will find that New Mexico offers many advantages, including a very good available work force, an excellent educational system, a relatively low cost of living, a unique cultural climate, an unsurpassed quality of life, and a record of great support for our military services.

Should I be successful in this election, please be assured that I will work with Albuquerque leaders and you to offer every assistance the state can provide in facilitating such a move.

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Bruce King

BRUCE KING
Candidate for Governor

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September 6, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-HHS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA. 92409-6448

Lt. Col. Bartol,

I am very supportive of the relocation of the Space Systems Division to Kirtland Air Force Base. I feel this relocation to Albuquerque would be a tremendous boost to the job situation here, and it would also generate millions of dollars to our economy. 15.10

Albuquerque has much to offer, i.e. low cost of living, etc., and I know that this relocation would be mutually beneficial to SSD and the Aerospace Corporation.

Sincerely,

Eugene M. Gilbert
Commission Chairman

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City of Albuquerque
P.O. BOX 1293 ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87103

LOUIS E. SAAVEDRA
MAYOR

September 4, 1990

Lieutenant Colonel Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE - BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base, California 92409-6448

Dear Lieutenant Colonel Bartol:

15.10 I am pleased that Kirtland Air Force Base and Albuquerque are being considered as a possible site for relocating functions of the Air Force Space Systems Division and the Aerospace Corporation. Albuquerque and the State of New Mexico offer many benefits. The scientific and technological synergies with Sandia National Laboratories, the Air Force Weapons Lab, and Los Alamos National Laboratory are unattainable anywhere else. Educational programs at the Albuquerque Public Schools, the Albuquerque Technical-Vocational Institute, and the University of New Mexico are sources of business community acclaim, national recognition, and community pride.

Our labor force is highly productive and well trained, and construction costs are relatively low. Other benefits include: affordable housing, workable transportation systems, a vibrant cultural affairs community, relatively abundant water and clean air, and many nearby recreational areas.

The city administration is committed to assisting you in any way possible during all phases of the decision process. Further, we commit to facilitate your requests for support and regulatory processing within the various city departments should you select Albuquerque.

Cordially,

Louis E. Saavedra
Mayor

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ALBUQUERQUE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

September 5, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol, Director
Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, California 92409-6448

Dear Col. Bartol:

Thank you very much for the opportunity to offer my comments on the proposed relocation of the Air Force Space Systems Division and the Aerospace Corporation.

As Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce, I have the privilege of leading the oldest and largest business organization in New Mexico. We have more than 2,000 member firms employing in excess of 72,000 people in the Albuquerque metropolitan area.

As you are probably aware, the presence of Kirtland Air Force Base and Sandia National Laboratories in our community has been the single most important factor in Albuquerque's phenomenal growth since World War II. These installations, in combination with Los Alamos National Labs to the north and our fine research universities, have served as the cornerstone for Albuquerque's evolution as a center of leading-edge research and development activity.

We as a Chamber have worked hard to develop close relationships with Sandia and Kirtland because we recognize that they have been a critical part of our success as a community, both in their direct employment of our citizens and for the spin-off business and industry they have spawned. The Air Force Space Systems Division and the Aerospace Corporation would undoubtedly find in Albuquerque a warm reception from a city that fully understands the role that research and development and high technology have played in our economic growth and development.

Albuquerque also boasts a climate, environment and quality of life unmatched in the United States. Beginning with the days when Albuquerque and New Mexico became a haven for people suffering from tuberculosis because of our high, dry, and pristine climate, the city has enjoyed a reputation as a place where one can partake of most of the benefits of a large metropolitan area while enjoying the relatively unspoiled features of a rural location.

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The city's work force is among the most productive in the country, with far lower absentee rates than in other cities of comparable size. This reputation has been largely responsible for the recent upsurge in our manufacturing sector, long an area where we have been lacking as a city and state. In recent months, Intel, Motorola, Martin Marietta, and Amity Leather Products have all announced major expansions in the area.

15.10 We look forward to working with you as you progress through the decision-making process, and we sincerely hope that Kirtland Air Force Base is the ultimate relocation choice.

Sincerely,

George Trigeros, Chairman
Board of Directors

CF/dl

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ALBUQUERQUE TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL INSTITUTE

T-VI
A Community College

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September 4, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

The proposal to close Los Angeles Air Force Base has, no doubt, brought with it many questions and concerns regarding relocation of the Air Force Space Systems Division and the Aerospace Corporation. Albuquerque would like to answer those questions and put those concerns to rest.

As president of T-VI, Albuquerque's community college, I would like to assure you that we stand ready and able to provide any technical assistance that might be necessary in a relocation of those tenants to Kirtland Air Force Base. T-VI and KAFB have, for years, enjoyed a close working relationship. We have a number of base personnel attending classes at our Main Campus, which is located just a short distance west of the base. T-VI is well known for its ability to respond quickly to the training needs of new and existing industry in the Albuquerque area. Within the past year alone, the school has contracted for various types of training with Martin Marietta, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. and Baxter Inc., which have opened new local operations. We have provided short-term in-plant training for such businesses as General Electric, Motorola Communications and Electronics, Siemens, and Xtech. T-VI would welcome the chance to work with both the SSD and Aerospace Corporation.

The Institute, with an enrollment of about 17,000 at two campuses, is now the third largest postsecondary school in New Mexico. Base personnel and their families are able to take advantage of offerings that include:

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- 17 associate degrees in business, health, technologies and trades occupations;
- 35 certificate programs in business, health, technologies and trades;
- a two-year liberal arts degree that will transfer to other schools as the first two years of a bachelor's degree;
- more than 100 college credit courses, also transferable;
- college prep courses for persons trying to qualify for entry into a degree program or a four-year institution;
- GED program; and
- continuing education.

The enclosed T-VI catalog and most recent annual report outline in more detail what the Institute offers area residents.

15.10 We at T-VI, along with the rest of Albuquerque, hope to have the Space Systems Division and the Aerospace Corporation as part of our community. We believe that Albuquerque offers a quality of life few locations can match. T-VI is proud to have played a part in that and would like to share what we have to offer with your two organizations.

Yours truly,

Ted Martinez
President

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Albuquerque Technical-Vocational Institute

Annual Report
1988-89

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ALBUQUERQUE TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL INSTITUTE



1990-1991
CATALOG

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New Mexico Tech
Office of the President

August 27, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol, Director
Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton, AFB, California 92409-6448

Dear Col. Bartol:

This letter is to express my support for moving of the Air Force Space Systems Division and the Aerospace Corporation to Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque. No doubt, those more familiar with the Albuquerque area and its highly attractive amenities would be able to address those points more directly than I. 15.10

I am President of New Mexico Tech, a Ph.D.-granting institution concentrating on science and engineering and located in Socorro, about 75 miles south of Albuquerque. I wish to state categorically that our educational and research capabilities would be available to the U.S. Air Force and its personnel. We would be pleased to have the opportunity to work with them.

Through New Mexico Technet, a high-speed fiber optics link which includes Socorro and Albuquerque, we are capable of televising special university credit courses throughout the Rio Grande Research Corridor.

Although I am an easterner by birth and upbringing, I have found life in New Mexico to be outstandingly pleasant. I have no doubt that any personnel relocating here from the Los Angeles area would certainly find the same to be true.

Let me, therefore, add my voice to that of those who are encouraging favorable consideration of the move to Kirtland Air Force Base and to offer the capability of New Mexico Tech in any way that would make the move valuable.

Cordially,

Lawrence H. Lattman
President

LHL/lc

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NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

August 31, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
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Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Col. Bartol:

15.10 New Mexico State University would like to state its support for the movement of the Air Force Space Systems Division (SSD) and the Aerospace Corporation to Albuquerque, New Mexico. We believe this would be a wise move for the Air Force because of the ideal climate, the quality of life, the active support of the business community, and the strong interest of the local universities in supporting such endeavors.

New Mexico State University annually graduates approximately 3,000 individuals. These range in skills from Ph.D's in physics, chemistry, mathematics, and all of the branches of engineering, to a complete spectrum of undergraduate degrees and a strong contingent of vocational graduates with technical capabilities. The University considers its responsibility to assist organizations such as the Space Systems Division to recruit and retain highly qualified personnel an integral part of its mission. You may be assured if you located in New Mexico that we would be very active in assisting you in meeting your personnel needs. Because of the attractive life style in this State, many of our graduates wish to remain here upon completing their studies and would look forward to competing for employment positions within your organization.

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Finally, NMSU is a Carnegie Research I university with research expenditures last year exceeding $90 million. The Physical Science Laboratory has had a long and distinguished association with various defense contractors and we would welcome the opportunity to work with you and your associates on significant research issues.

In sum and substance, we pledge to support your relocation to New Mexico and look forward with anticipation to interacting with you in all ways in which we could provide assistance.

Best personal regards.

James E. Halligan

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MARTIN MARIETTA INFORMATION
& COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

3 September 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Gentlemen:

Martin Marietta Corporation has recently completed the process of adding a new manufacturing facility in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Because you are in the process of considering the relocating of certain Air Force Operations, I thought that it would be of assistance to share with you some of the considerations that led our Corporation to select the Albuquerque location.

Our primary goal in the selection of the site for this new manufacturing facility was to operate in an environment that would allow the most cost effective operations while achieving our standards for high quality products. Albuquerque, New Mexico provided all of the ingredients necessary to achieve this objective. The quantity and skills of the labor force, the availability of a high-quality educational system to train the individuals and a strong desire to include our organization in the local community were factors that attracted our attention.

In the short time that we have had our facility in operation all of the above considerations have been realized in a manner that far exceeded our expectations. The excellent quality of the training achieved by the New Mexico Technical Vocational Institute (TV-I) has allowed us to hire the unemployed or under employed and successfully integrate these people into our assembly operations. The Albuquerque labor performance is at a level which has allowed our corporation to successfully propose and win contracts with the United States Postal Service to fabricate hardware involved in their initiative to automate the handling and processing of the mail.

The labor force seems almost inexhaustible, our initial advertisement for assembly personnel netted nearly 1500 qualified applicants. A recent advertisement for manufacturing and logistic engineers deposited approximately 300 qualified candidate resumes on our doorstep. Our problems acquiring people have been sorting through hundreds of applicants who are qualified for the positions available.

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There were other factors which did influence our decision to locate in Albuquerque. Local government support, the quality of life, the cost of living and the support of the community for our activity. The support of the state and local government couldn't have been better even if we had specifically orchestrated it. The people of this state have been totally supportive from the Governor to the local building inspector. The people are interested in helping you to solve the problem at hand. The attitude is always "can-do" and willing to provide knowledge and guidance in the achievement of your objectives. The quality of life is typically what we expected and desired, the western casual attitude but with an intensity to detail, ethics and achievement of commitment. The moderate, dry environment and the preservation and blending of the Spanish and Native American cultures have provided us a rich and satisfying experience.

Without question, the presence of your organizations would be a very significant contribution to the Albuquerque community. Our Corporation and I'm sure all others in the community would be pleased and our way of life would be enriched with your choice of our community for your operational site. If I can be of service to you as you make the difficult decisions involved in the completion of your site selection and your relocation, please do not hesitate to give me the opportunity. 15.10

Sincerely,

R. S. Cooper
Manager Production Operations
Martin Marietta Corporation
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SOUTH VALLEY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

August 30, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE - BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol,

The South Valley Chamber of Commerce is extremely pleased to hear of your proposal to possibly relocate the Air Force Space Systems Division and the Aero Space Corporation to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Obviously the greater Albuquerque area, of which the South Valley is a part, would greatly benefit from your entrance into our economy. There is more however - any good relationship requires that all partners be happy. Your being in Albuquerque would create a synergy which would be mutually beneficial.

Albuquerque is a great place to be. We have many benefits for you. Our already established aerospace industry base, plus a large private manufacturing sector would facilitate a speedy integration of you into our mainstream. You, of course, have received all the information about Albuquerque's great quality of life, climate, sports, location, etc. It is all true. Your employees will love living here.

The South Valley is the rural area south of Albuquerque, in Bernalillo county. We are close to Kirtland Air Force Base and the Airport, and Downtown and the University of New Mexico. It is possible to own a nice house on a large lot, or even acreage, at a modest price. The South Valley is full of trees, irrigated green fields, small farms, sweeping vistas -all close to work. The South Valley is a wonderful place to live.

15.10 The South Valley Chamber of Commerce, representing over one hundred South Valley businesses will do all it can to help you become part of the greater Albuquerque area.

Our letter to you is to let you know that the South Valley part of Albuquerque would like to have you live and work here.

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely, with South Valley Pride,

Park Shaw

A. Park Shaw III
President

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The First National Bank in Albuquerque

Norman R. Gardner
President and
Chief Executive Officer

August 30, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director
Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

The First National Bank in Albuquerque endorses the moving of the Air Force Space Systems Division (SSD) from Los Angeles AFB to Albuquerque AFB. 15.10

The primary consideration, of course, is the cost saving to the Air Force, the U. S. Government and, ultimately, the U. S. taxpayers. Real estate costs, salaries and wages will definitely be lower. And, not to be overlooked, is the excellent relationship between the personnel at Kirtland AFB and the Albuquerque community.

We are vitally interested in the economic development and good health of our city. The creation of over 10,000 jobs in Albuquerque would certainly enhance opportunities for our people, who may otherwise have to leave the state in order to find gainful employment. The positive effects accruing to our many subcontractors, retail establishments and others would be considerable.

First National Bank has received assurances from two of our upstream correspondents, First of Chicago and National Bank of Detroit, of their willingness to participate in the issuance of Industrial Revenue Bonds worth $50 million each. These could be utilized, at very favorable rates, by private contractors that may be involved in the project.

We understand that two of four sites being considered have water shortage problems. Fortunately, Albuquerque is in a position to adequately accommodate this project.

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We stand ready to assist in any way we can and encourage you to look favorably upon Albuquerque as an excellent relocation site.

Sincerely,

Norman R. Gardner

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Sunwest Bank of Albuquerque N.A.
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Wm. G. Bing Grady
President

SUNWEST BANK

August 28, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director
Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol,

I want to express the support of Sunwest Bank for the relocation of the Space Systems Division to Kirtland Air Force Base. 15.10

I know that the Air Force would find, as others have, that our work force is second to none in its dedication and its ability to achieve objectives. Probably of more importance is the fact that Albuquerque's quality of life is without equal. Temperatures are moderate; the air is clean; commutes are relatively short year round.

I urge you to consider Albuquerque as the home of the Space Systems Division.

Sincerely,

William G. Grady

WGG:jc

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PHILIPS

Philips Components

August 30, 1990

Signetics Company

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

Signetics Company, a manufacturer of integrated circuits, started a plant in Albuquerque in 1982. Since then our site has expanded to 1,000 people, many of whom relocated from other locations. Signetics has found a high-quality workforce, both in available skills and in work ethic. It has been easy to attract and retain excellent staff. Typically, after a year in New Mexico, the land and the people work an "enchantment" that holds our employees thereafter.

Employees transferring from other areas, particularly California, where our corporate offices are, find cost and quality of housing here a very positive attraction. There is a wide variety of lifestyles available within a 20-30 minute commute. And the variety of recreational and cultural activities available is impressive.

There is also a growing commercial-technical industry that can support a base of smaller technical support companies needed for any high technology activities (as well as to provide challenging career opportunities for retired military personnel).

Signetics has benefitted from the easy air connections with California, Texas, Denver, Phoenix, and Salt Lake City, for business, technology, deliveries, support from suppliers, and for overseas contacts.

15.10 For a lot of reasons, I can endorse New Mexico as a great place to live and work, both as an employer and as an employee. My interest in seeing more Air Force involvement is to see the technology base grow further, and to expand the opportunities for our employees and their families.

If I could be of any assistance in providing information to further your favorable decision with regard to Albuquerque, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Jim Martinson
Site Manager

JRH/cc

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PROFESSIONAL AEROSPACE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION
(PACA) OF NEW MEXICO

P.A.C.A.

September 6, 1990

Lieutenant Colonel Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

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Dear Colonel Bartol,

I am writing concerning the proposed relocation of the Air Force System Command's Space Systems Division and the Aerospace Corporation. As the president of the Professional Aerospace Contractors Association of New Mexico (PACA), I represent an organization of over 100 members that approximately 100 companies, the majority of which have offices in Albuquerque and work with Department of Defense and Department of Energy agencies. Our association fully supports the Kirtland Air Force Base relocation option. 15.10

The availability of a local, viable contractor infrastructure is a factor that was not included in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement of July 1990. We believe that a strong contractor infrastructure will be a very tangible benefit to Space Systems Division in providing an interface with industry. Our organization provides the interface: we include members from all of the major Aerospace companies as well as small and disadvantaged businesses. We have a long history of promoting and maintaining professional relations between the Aerospace industry and government agencies.

PACA has worked closely with the Air Force Space Technology Center, the Weapons Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratory, Los Alamos National Laboratory, and other government agencies. One of our major activities is the annual Briefing for Industry which we co-sponser with the Air Force Space Technology Center Directorate of Contracting. The Briefing draws attendees from throughout the nation to listen to presentations by government agencies on their contracting opportunities. This forum will be available to Space Systems Division when they relocate to Kirtland Air Force Base. In addition, we have standing committees that meet with the government agencies to discuss topics of mutual interest.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss in greater detail the composition of PACA and our interactions with the government agencies.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Vesely
President, PACA

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Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Tom Bartol:

15.10 I have been informed of the proposed relocation of the Los Angeles Air Force Base. I am very supportive of the proposition to have Kirtland Air Force Base as one of the chosen sites for this relocation. The facilities at Kirtland are excellent. The benefits to Albuquerque from this relocation would be tremendous. The economy of Albuquerque is centered around the Air Force base, the increased employment would be welcomed. As you survey the area, you will notice Albuquerque has plenty of room for expansion which is a very important consideration for such a relocation.

Albuquerque is a clean and enjoyable [illegible]. The housing costs are very reasonable.

Thank you

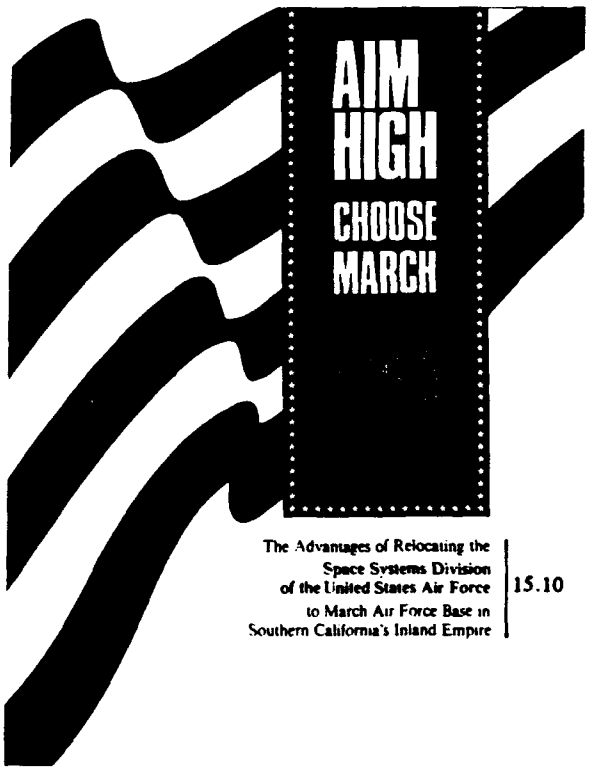
Sincerely,

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President
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The Advantages of Relocating the Space Systems Division of the United States Air Force to March Air Force Base in Southern California's Inland Empire 15.10

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The Inland Empire Space Systems Division Relocation Group, an organization of civic and business interests in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, is pleased to provide "Aim High — Choose March." The document profiles the advantages of relocating the Space Systems Division (SSD) of the United States Air Force to March Air Force Base in Riverside County.

In early 1990, the Air Force announced its intention to evaluate alternative sites to accommodate the facility and personnel needs of the Space Systems Division. March Air Force Base is one of the sites being investigated. Its location in the Inland Empire, only 70 miles away from the existing location at Los Angeles Air Base, would relieve the current difficulties encountered with facility expansion, employee recruitment, and cost-of-living for civilian and military personnel.

The missions of the Space Systems Division, and that of its Ballistic Missile Organization (BMO) are based at Norton Air Force Base in San Bernardino County, can be effectively carried out in the Inland Empire. Local support of these operations can help to assure that the SSD and the BMO will move military and civilian space technology successfully into the twenty-first century.

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September 12, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Burtel
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE - BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Burtel:

We were delighted to learn that the Air Force is considering the relocation of the Space Systems Division to Peterson Air Force Base here in Colorado Springs. Our local community would obviously benefit from the relocation of SSD to Pete Field, but I also feel that the SSD would benefit greatly as a result of relocating to the Pikes Peak region.

Junior Achievement relocated its National Headquarters to Colorado Springs from Stamford, Connecticut in May, 1987. Among the reasons we selected Colorado Springs for our new headquarters was the outstanding quality of life, affordable housing, moderate climate, abundant work force, strong sense of community, and majestic setting along the Front Range.

The quality of life is one of Colorado Springs' best kept secrets. Throughout the year, the weather is quite moderate. Cultural activities abound, the Colorado Springs Symphony, Fine Arts Center, Air Force Academy, and numerous community groups collectively provide a year-round calendar of cultural and artistic events. The nearby mountains provide a wealth of opportunities for skiing, fishing, hiking, hunting and outdoor activities.

A major factor in our relocation decision was the housing market in the Colorado Springs area versus Fairfield County, Connecticut. We had found it increasingly difficult to recruit qualified professionals into our headquarters operation in Connecticut, due largely to the prohibitive cost of housing in Fairfield County. Many of our people lived 45 to 75 minutes away from the office. In Colorado Springs, housing is very abundant, much, much more attractively priced, plus employees generally live much closer to the office. Typical commutes are now five to fifteen minutes.

Many of our people travel extensively. Travel to and from the Springs is very convenient via the Colorado Springs Airport. There are numerous non-stop flights daily to seven major hub airports which provide easy access to both coasts. When one considers the two hour commutes to the New York airports that were a part of each trip when we were in Connecticut, it is just about a wash when one considers connecting times, longer flights from Colorado Springs.

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As you may have guessed from the tone of this letter, we are very pleased with our decision to relocate to Colorado Springs. Our people definitely enjoy a higher quality of life, more of our people own homes, our people are more involved in the community and generally as a result there is a much stronger sense of family among our headquarters staff. I have never regretted our decision to move to Colorado Springs. Conversely, I feel more strongly today that we made the right decision having lived and worked in Colorado Springs for three years now, than I did at the time of our actual move. Colorado Springs is a wonderful location to work, to live, to raise a family and to enjoy life. I strongly endorse Colorado Springs as the site for the Space Systems Division.

15.10

Sincerely,

Karl Klumb

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA — THE RESOURCES AGENCY — GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN, Governor

CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION
631 HOWARD STREET, 4TH FLOOR
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September 12, 1990

Lt. Colonel Tom Bartol
Director of Programs and Environmental
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base, CA 92409-6448

Nadell Gayou
Department of Water Resources
1416 Ninth Street, Room 448
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Draft EIS, Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AFB, CA, and Relocation of Space Systems Division SCH #90040111

Dear Addressees:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above Draft EIS. We have both procedural and substantive comments, which will unfortunately have to be brief, due to staffing limitations. Also, for the same reason we will be unable to attend your scheduled upcoming public hearings on this closure/relocation.

Substantively, our major concern is raised by one of the potential alternatives, namely relocation of Air Force facilities to Vandenberg AFB. Such a relocation would entail substantial adverse coastal zone impacts. As your Draft EIS acknowledges, (we refer you to the EIS Chart on page S-9) (Exhibit 1 of this letter), this alternative would be the most damaging alternative. We have no comments regarding relocation to other locations (e.g. March AFB in California, Peterson AFB and Falcon AFB in Colorado, or Kirtland AFB in New Mexico), except to note they would all be environmentally preferable to Vandenberg. Because relocation to those other locations would have no effect on the California coastal zone, we decline to recommend a particular choice.

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Procedurally, because of the substantial effects on the coastal zone that would be generated by the relocation of 10,900 personnel (10,100 direct jobs and 8,800 indirect jobs) to Vandenberg AFB, such a relocation would trigger federal consistency review. Thus, under the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA Section 307(c)(1), with implementing regulations at 15 CFR 930 et seq.), a consistency determination would need to be submitted to the California Coastal Commission if that alternative is implemented.

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Briefly, spillover impacts on the coastal zone that would result from relocation to Vandenberg AFB and trigger consistency review include: adverse impacts on water supply due to substantially increased water demands in an area already in a serious overdraft situation, adverse impacts on endangered species such as the unarmored three-spined stickleback, due to water withdrawals and drawdown of San Antonio Creek, adverse impacts on wetlands, adverse impacts on air quality, and increased demand for very limited recreational facilities in north Santa Barbara County. A number of these impacts are documented in your draft EIS. For elaboration on the specific ways in which these impacts affect the coastal zone, we are attaching the Commission's findings adopted in reviewing the Space Shuttle Program (Consistency Determination No. CD-21-82), which extensively details a number of these issues (Exhibit 2 of this letter). Mitigation for these impacts is not adequately addressed in the Draft EIS.

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The draft EIS (p. 4.3-20-22) also notes that air emissions would cause significant adverse impacts at Vandenberg AFB. We take issue with the statement in page 4.3-20 that short term impacts from construction activities would not be significant, because that statement is based on comparing emissions with total County-wide emission levels, when an area such as Santa Barbara County has already reached non-attainment status, any significant increases are adverse. For example we particularly consider impacts such as the addition of 44 tons of NOx (oxides of nitrogen), when the County is in non attainment for ozone, to be significant and adverse. The draft EIS does acknowledge that long term air impacts would be significant (p. 4.3-22). The EIS should address the need to mitigate these short term impacts, and should take them into consideration in its comparison of alternatives.

11.11

Beyond issues relating to Vandenberg, we note that the Draft EIS is silent on the disposition of existing structures and military functions within the San Pedro region. Since the document does not specifically address future uses of these facilities, we have only limited comments regarding cessation of use of these facilities at this time. The first is to recommend that, during any future decisions regarding uses of the Fort MacArthur, Pacific Crest, and Pacific Heights housing facilities, that maximum consideration be given to high priority uses under the Coastal Act for limited shorefront property, most importantly those maintaining and enhancing public access and recreational opportunities. The second is to point out that if these properties are transferred to another agency or sold, such sale or transfer triggers federal consistency review, and again, a consistency determination would need to be submitted to the Coastal Commission for such a sale or transfer.

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If you have any questions about preparation of a consistency determination or about the consistency process, please contact Jim Raives of the Commission staff at (415) 543-8555.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Fuchs

ELIZABETH A. FUCHS
Manager, Land Use and Local Assistance

Attachments

cc: Long Beach District Office
Santa Barbara District Office
Santa Barbara County, Division of Environmental Review

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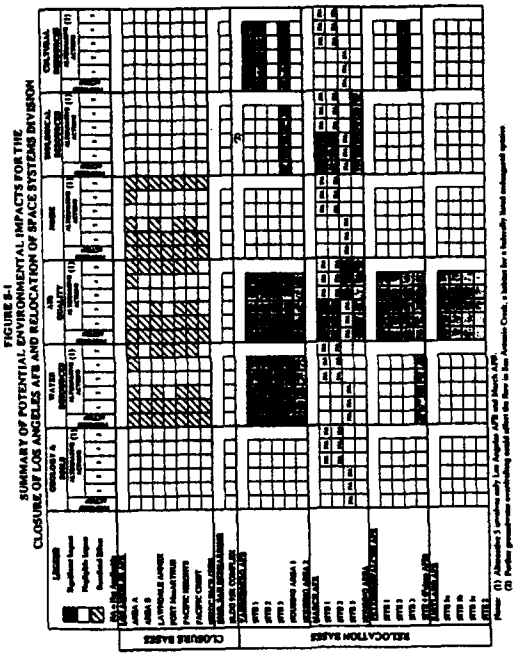


FIGURE 5-1
SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS FOR THE CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AFB AND RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION

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Attachment to Document 132

CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

ON CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION

Consistency Determination
No. CD-21-82
U.S. Air Force, Space Shuttle
48th SAV. SC.17-82
Extension to CD-1-82

FEDERAL AGENCY: U.S. Air Force

DEVELOPMENT LOCATION: Vandenberg Air Force Base, Santa Barbara County (Lompoc Area)

DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION: Construction, activation, and operation of facilities for the Space Shuttle Program, including construction and operation of facilities at the launch pads, construction and expansion of support, storage and processing facilities on several areas of the base, landing strip expansion, modification of on-base transport roads and the 13th Street Bridge crossing, and Space Shuttle flight activities (Exhibits 1, 6, 7, 8).

SUBSTANTIVE FILE DOCUMENTS:

1. Federal Agency's Consistency Determination.
2. Consistency Determination No. CD-1-82 U.S. Air Force, Port Hueneme.
3. Consistency Determination No. CD-18-82 U.S. Air Force, Vandenberg AFB.
4. Final Environmental Impact Statement for Space Shuttle Program (Jan. 1978).
5. Draft Supplement to Final Environmental Impact Statement for Space Shuttle Program (Feb. 1982).
6. Potential Effects of Space Shuttle Sonic Booms on the Biota and Geology of the California Channel Islands: Research Reports, Technical Report BC-1, and Synthesis of Research and Recommendations, Technical Report BC-2. Center for Marine Studies, San Diego State University, December 1980.
7. Potential Impact of Space Shuttle Sonic Booms on the Biota of the California Channel Islands: Literature Review and Problem Analysis, San Diego State University Center for Marine Studies and Hubbs/Sea World (April 1978).
8. Studies on the Peninsulas of the Southern California Channel Islands, 1980-1981, Hubbs/Sea World, Technical Report No. 82-136 (January, 1982).

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OCHS BROTHERS ENTERPRISES

September 12, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFMCE-BAS/DEP
Norton A.F.B., California 92409-6448

Gentlemen:

15.10 This is a letter of support for the SSD relocation to Peterson A.F.B. here in Colorado Springs.

I am a former Mayor of this City, serving in that capacity from 1975 to 1979, with 8 years of service as a member of the City Council prior to my terms as Mayor. I point out my service to the City as substantiating my views as factual information as contrasted with mere opinion.

Colorado Springs has been a military community for 50 years, beginning with the designation of Camp Carson in 1940. Over the years, the Air Force Academy, Ent A.F.B., ARADCOM, Peterson Field, NORAD, Falcon Air Station, etc., have at one time or another been listed in the roster of military missions. Several thousand retirees of the Army, Navy, and Air Force enjoy living in Colorado Springs.

Military personnel and their families who would be assigned here if SSD is relocated in the Pikes Peak region would find a quality of life that is truly unique. A "pay raise" would be enjoyed by transferees because the cost of living here is significantly less than in California; this includes housing and utilities, education, transportation and commuting, and recreation. Central location in the United States and good air service would be distinct advantages to the personnel who have roots in the east and the south.

LAWRENCE D OCHS MARLAN L OCHS KENNETH P OCHS DONALD L OCHS

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The opportunity for continuing education is available at the Colorado Springs campus of the University of Colorado, Colorado College, and Pikes Peak Community College in addition to several vocational schools.

Skiing, ice skating, bird and big game hunting, tennis, golf, and hiking trails are all within easy walking or commuting distance.

There is an excellent inventory of housing immediately available at prices (both purchase price and rentals) significantly less than in California.

Many cultural activities beckon our citizens including a great symphony orchestra, an opera association, a rodeo, football and other athletic events at the Air Force Academy and Colorado College.

High morale of military personnel is commonplace for those assigned to an installation in the Pikes Peak region.

We welcome the Space Systems Division! We hope you'll come here!

Yours truly,

Lawrence D. Ochs

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HARLEY KNOX & ASSOCIATES

September 10, 1990

Lt. Col. Thomas J. Bartol
Director, Programs and
Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Col. Bartol:

The Silver Eagles would like to point out what seems to be an omission in the draft environmental impact statement: that is, community support, and the political and social environment of the sites considered for the future home of the Space Systems Division. Community support for March Air Force Base goes back to 1917 when a group of businessmen in the Riverside Chamber of Commerce offered 640 acres of land to the War Department if they would build an air base here.

Support for March AFB has always been strong, and never stronger than it is today. There are many March AFB support organizations in our area, including the Military Affairs Committees of the various Chambers of Commerce, the Forum, the Honorary Commanders, and the Silver Eagles.

The Silver Eagles is comprised of key community leaders from the Inland Empire dedicated to providing political support for March AFB locally and the Air Force mission in general. The Silver Eagles provide social and economic support to the Air Force personnel at March AFB and lobby in Washington, D.C. to further the Air Force mission and new weapons systems. We are strong supporters of the Stealth Bomber and Fighter program and are long time backers of the Space Systems programs of the Air Force.

Please be aware that there has always been strong local support for March and that support is well organized, well funded and very dedicated to our Air Force people, to March

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Air Force Base, and the United States Air Force mission. We extend our support to the personnel of the Space Systems Division and their mission. We welcome them to March Air Force Base and our home, the Inland Empire. The Silver Eagles ask that you recognize the value of this strong Air Force support as an asset. We recommend your consideration of the social, financial and political environment the Air Force enjoys at March AFB when weighing this dynamic area against other options. 15.10

Sincerely,

Harley Knox
Harley Knox

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Schmidt construction company

September 12, 1990

Lt. Colonel Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE - BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

RE: Space Systems Division

Dear Lt. Colonel Bartol:

15.10 What a tremendous opportunity for the Space Systems Division: If only SSD could move to Peterson Air Force Base and to this receptive community of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

As a contractor that has built many projects at all the military installations here, including the Air Force Academy and Peterson Air Force Base, I can assure you the existing facilities are exceptional and the infrastructure capability is presently in place to fulfill the needs of the future.

You will find this city receptive and a willing partner to achieve common goals. Colorado Springs would be an outstanding choice. The quality of life here is only matched by the quality of its people.

I would be willing to personally discuss any questions you might have.

Best regards,

Robert E. Lemke
President - Schmidt Construction Co.
Past Colorado Contractors Assoc. President

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Honeywell

September 10, 1990

Lieutenant Colonel Tom Bartol
Director,
Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base, California 92409-6448

Dear Lieutenant Colonel Bartol:

This letter is to add my support for the proposal to relocate the Air Force Space Systems Division to Kirtland Air Force Base here in Albuquerque. 15.10

The Albuquerque commitment to meeting Air Force needs in bringing the Space Systems Division here is significant and has involved business and community leaders on a task force whose sole focus is this important project. The level of commitment demonstrated in preparing material, resolving issues and developing essential incentives for your consideration is only one small example of the type of involvement and cooperation you will find from the community as a whole if the decision is made to bring the division to New Mexico.

As a facility heavily committed to research, development and production efforts for the Department of Defense directly, as well as for many of its prime contractors, the expanded R&D focus in Albuquerque which would result from the Space Systems Division's relocation would benefit all of us in attracting and retaining the highly specialized personnel needed to maintain such an effort. I think you will also find the local workforce to be both dedicated and productive: we have been excited by the excellent results we have shown in our own commitment to total quality management (TQM) efforts here at the Defense Avionics Systems Division.

I would be happy to respond to any questions you or anyone within the Space Systems Division might have about doing business in Albuquerque. Again, I would encourage you to choose Albuquerque and New Mexico as the division's new home and hope we will have the opportunity to welcome you to Kirtland Air Force Base.

Sincerely,

Dave Brickner,
Vice President & General Manager

DBR/

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Written Comment Sheet

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base And Relocation of Space Systems Division

Peterson / Falcon AFBs

15.7 I do not feel that the relocation of Space Systems Division would be positive. Water is very and even and water is a controlled resource. Such an additional influx of people before we have really begun to conserve and guard limited water would be perilous.

The quality of weather, Colorado already a large in draft when people are told not to drive at least - additional traffic would only add to the brown cloud that along the front range of the mountains has become to often we have an inversion layer in the winter.

Personally the region needs diversified industry and more dependence upon a city type industry that creates nothing of value for life. Already the community is limited in funding cultural and environmental facilities that do not include subsidizing R&D wars.

We need less subscription - not more

- Thank You For Your Comments -

Name Noah Brown

Address 431 S Weber Colo Spgs, Co 80903
Street Address City / State / Zip Code

Please hand this form in or mail to: Director
Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base CA 92409-6448

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KN ENERGY, INC.

September 13, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Col. Bartol:

Our company, a New York Stock Exchange listed, publicly-owned corporation, is a natural gas supplier for the City of Colorado Springs Department of Public Utilities. I have had close ties with this community for 50 years.

Why should the Space Systems Division locate here? My response is simple: because they are WANTED by Colorado Springs residents. 15.10

Focus on that notion. In addition to all the other quality factors, this community offers, and it will embrace SSD personnel who will reside here.

It really makes a difference to be wanted.

Very truly yours,

Robert C. McHugh

cc: Wanda L. Reaves

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Joseph A. Reich, Jr
Post Office Box 1702
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901

September 13, 1990

Lieutenant Colonel Tom Bartol
Director of Programs and Environmental AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, California 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

I had an opportunity to attend the Draft Environmental Impact Statement meeting in Colorado Springs on September 5th. However, I chose not to speak at that time because I had not reviewed the report and do not like to express an opinion without some basis.

I am a lifelong resident of Colorado Springs and a member of a family that has been prominent in military activities. My father generated the concept that Colorado Springs should bid on the Air Force Academy and actively supported all military operations in our community for over 50 years. I am a past Chairman of the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce, past Chairman of its Economic Development Committee, and two-term Chairman of its Military Affairs Committee.

I had the opportunity at the end of August to be in the Los Angeles metroplex. This was the first time that I had been there in several years and I was shocked to experience the conditions of freeways, housing, and overall environment. I do not understand how enlisted members of our armed services can exist in that environment under current pay structures.

Colorado Springs offers an environment that is much healthier and would afford members of the Space Systems Division a quality of life that is not available to them at this time. We have available and affordable housing, the cost of living is significantly lower, quality recreation is available within shorter driving distances than what I am sure some personnel must spend in getting to Los Angeles Air Force base from their homes.

Colorado Springs enjoys one of the finest reputations for community/military relations. I can assure you that the vast majority of the community would welcome with open arms the Space Systems Division. Also, it is a well-documented fact that a cleaner, more relaxed environment would provide a significantly more productive work force.

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I strongly urge a favorable report for the relocation of the Space Systems Division to Colorado Springs. Should you desire additional information from me, I can be readily reached at my office, 719-635-7788. 15.10

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Reich, Jr.

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FIELD HOCKEY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.

14 September 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Div.
AFRCE - BMS/ DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

15.10 The purpose of this letter is to encourage you and your division to favorably consider the Colorado Springs area for relocation of the Space Systems Division (SSD). There are many reasons which can be listed and I would like to address a few.

I am a retired officer with over 23 years in the Air Force and I have lived in Colorado Springs for the past 10 years. I feel this area offers tremendous educational, residential, and recreational opportunities which make the quality of life and the community support for the military and its mission unsurpassed.

Housing in all ranges of sizes, prices and location is readily available. Rental units are plentiful and rates are lower than nearly any part of the country. The school system for dependents is unsurpassed as demonstrated in the high test score results on national exams such as the SAT and ACT. The community college and university systems readily accept, support and adapt to the training and educational needs of the military and business communities. There is no place in the world which offers the variety of recreational opportunities found in Colorado Springs. Outdoor, indoor, professional and amateur sports opportunities abound in the local and Denver areas. For example, we can attend a collegiate or an Olympic related athletic event nearly every week of the year and many are free.

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With the many changes, cuts and reductions facing the military, moral motivation and retention will have to be worked very carefully. This community is a very pro and positive military community and it is a caring community for its military constituents. Having lived in 15 different states and areas, I can assure you that this area has more to offer the military people and the mission of SSD than any area I know of. Please convey my feelings as a "military and civilian citizen" to your division staff. The quality of life is unsurpassed and its affordable to all.

Sincerely,

Lynn Ralston
Sports Development Coordinator

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Williams Printing, Inc.

September 13, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Col. Bartol:

I would like to offer my personal perspective on the personal experience of living in Colorado Springs. I relocated myself a native Texan from Texas [illegible] ago.

I could not wait to get out of Texas after my active duty in the Air Force. I have lived in New York, DC, LA and many other cities and the military. I joined the Navy to facilitate my relocation to warmer climates and Florida and Texas as well as Europe. I relocated to Colorado Springs when I left the service thereby making myself a permanent resident. It is a great place to live.

15.10 Colorado Springs is very receptive to the Armed Forces. I know many active and retired members who have found our city quite friendly and accommodating to their needs.

I believe you and your staff will find Colorado Springs very much to your liking. If anyone at your division would like additional information, please have them telephone me or my staff at this time.

Sincerely,

Carl Williams

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PEAK FORMS
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P.O. BOX 36886 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80937 (719) 539-8285

September 14, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA. 92409-6448

Dear Col. Bartol: RE: Peterson AFB Relocation

We support current efforts to encourage SSD relocation to Peterson AFB for the following reasons:
I have lived and worked all over the world, including Wheelus Field, Tripoli, Libya when Uncle Sam owned it, the area of Colorado Springs is the best for these, among other reasons:
Beauty of surrounding mountains and closeness to wilderness areas with their seasonal changes.
High quality of education, particularly high school and college within the area.
Availability of a variety of low cost housing with relatively low local and state taxes.
Lack of heavy industry, but numerous smaller support businesses for high tech clean air industry.
Good mix of civic responsibility, witness excellent symphony with new home at Pikes Peak Center Auditorium - and any number of cultural events supported by local groups and the all important El Pomar Foundation, benefactor of much civic and philanthropic growth to this area.
Light traffic, low crime rates, little smog, little commuting problems to office or sports events - all the reasons many Californians have returned to the Rockies.

Since the major payroll in this area now and for many years has been military complex of Peterson AFB/NORAD/ Air Force Academy/Ft. Carson - not only is the military appreciated, but all active and retired service personnel are welcome, and many of our neighbors chose to retire here after worldwide living.

In short, we know your group would welcome the move to Colorado Springs - now you should know your personnel would be right "at home" with those already here - to this end we are convinced Space Systems Division belongs in Colorado Springs. 15.10

Cordially,

Frank N. Alexander
Owner

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Chapel Hills Mall

September 14, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE - BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Col. Barton:

15.10 While I am but one person I know I speak for many when I say that the City of Colorado Springs would welcome the relocation of Space Systems Division from Los Angeles to our beautiful and bustling community. While our family has lived in a number of communities around the country we have never experienced a quality of life equal to that here in Colorado.

Our city provides countless opportunities for varied activities, all within minutes of work or home. Skiing, the Rockies, Theater and Art, Shopping are all available and convenient. And for a broader variety of activities, Denver is less than an hour away.

Your decision to relocate to Colorado Springs would be welcomed by 300,000 of the friendliest people in America. And I am sure that you will like us as much as we will like you.

Thank you for your time, I remain

Sincerely yours,

John C. Kolb
General Manager

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ProRodeo Hall of Fame & Museum of the American Cowboy
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September 13, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director
Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, California 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

As Executive Director of the ProRodeo Hall of Fame and Museum of the American Cowboy I would like to voice our support for the relocation of the Space Systems Division from the Los Angeles Air Force Base to Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs.

Colorado Springs has a great deal to offer the Air Force in terms of available quality housing, short commuting times, good transportation infrastructure, pleasant climate and community support. 15.10

It is our belief that the relocation of SSD to Colorado Springs will be of mutual benefit to the Air Force and the community.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Warner
Executive Director

MDW/ss

A Non-Profit Educational Museum

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KANGAROO EXPRESS OF COLORADO SPRINGS

September 13, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol,

Colorado Springs is enthusiastic about the possibility of the Space Systems Division relocating to our city.

The advantages are numerous as you well know. To name but a few:

- Available quality housing
- Short commuting times
- Excellent transportation infrastructure
- High quality of life

Mostly, however, our city has had a long and notably beneficial relationship with the air force. We appreciate you and welcome you as part of our community. Your values are our values.

15.10 We sincerely hope your decision brings Space Systems Division to Colorado Springs.

Sincerely,

Allen Orner

cc: Wanda L. Reeves

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USAA PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE

September 12, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

I am writing you to lend support to your decision to relocate Space Systems Division (SSD) to Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs. As you have heard by now, Colorado Springs is an outstanding place to live. Housing is relatively inexpensive, the school systems are outstanding, and commute times are short and hassle-free. It is also a community that strongly supports the military. It has a large military retired population, with approximately 120 flag officers retired here.

The high concentration of active duty and retired military is one of the reasons USAA decided to put a Regional Office here in 1973 and expand its operation in 1989. Today we employ 500 people in our Colorado Springs office. Most of us are here by choice. We have lived all over the world and found no place nicer than Colorado Springs to call home after our military career was over.

I know the process the Air Force will go through if/when it makes its relocation decision. USAA has found Colorado Springs to be an outstanding place to live and do business. I hope SSD will join us here. We look forward to servicing you who serve here in Colorado Springs. 15.10

Sincerely,

Col. Michael J. Quinlan, USAF (Ret.)
Assistant Vice President
USAA - 8000/0

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cc: Wanda Reeves
Executive Vice President
Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce

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GORSUCH, KIRGIS, CAMPBELL, WALKER AND GROVER
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
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COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

September 14, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs &
Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Re: Space Systems Division Relocation

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

As a citizen of Colorado Springs, and a partner in a professional business located here which is dependent upon the health of this community's economy for the prosperity of that business, I feel compelled to provide you with my thoughts regarding the potential relocation of Space Systems Division (SSD) from Los Angeles Air Force Base to Peterson Air Force Base. I know that Colorado Springs is in competition with other potential relocation sites and would like to point out to you from my perspective the relative strengths and advantages of this community as the Air Force concludes its review of the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) and works toward making a recommendation regarding relocation.

From an environment and quality of life standpoint, I truly believe that Colorado Springs is unparalleled from among the choices being considered. This community not only enjoys the benefit of a beautiful and healthy environment in which to live and work, but also provides a significant amount of available, affordable, quality housing and the infrastructure to support the absorption of the amount of new residents who would move to the community if SSD is relocated to Peterson Air Force Base. The surface transportation system in Colorado Springs and, in particular, around Peterson Air Force Base, is a good and ever-improving system. Road improvements focusing upon serving Peterson Air Force Base are in the Colorado Department of Highways' five year plan and will even be accelerated for work and completion within the next two to three years based upon an aggressive effort by the local City and County governments, as well as our state

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legislative delegation, to permit monies to be advanced by the City and the County to the State for such improvements. Whereas workers in and around Los Angeles face horrendous commuting times and traffic congestion, Colorado Springs offers a stark contrast with its lack of commuting problems. All in all, I sincerely believe that from an environmental standpoint, Colorado Springs and El Paso County offer an unparalleled quality of infrastructure and capacity for expansion thereof.

I would also like to take this opportunity to bring to your attention several other reasons which critically weigh in favor of Colorado Springs for relocation of SSD. The State of Colorado has become a primary contributor to the development and production of space systems, components and technologies, and has evidenced its desire to further develop this support by recently establishing the Office of Space Advocacy and a Space Commission. From a strictly local perspective, the City of Colorado Springs and El Paso County have worked very hard to develop a strong, supportive and productive relationship with the various military commands located in the Colorado Springs metropolitan area, including in particular, the Air Force Space Command and related support groups. The United States, Army and Air Force Space Commands, currently located in Colorado Springs, serve strategic and vital national defense interests of the United States and its allies. The presence of the Air Force Space Command, its Peacar Frontier program, and the transfer of military launch control to Air Force Space Command, provides a unique, logical, strategic and economic basis for relocation of SSD to Peterson Air Force Base. From a national defense perspective, I firmly believe that relocation of SSD to Colorado Springs would best serve the national defense interest as the United States becomes more reliant upon space systems for its defensive capabilities. 15.10

Thank you very much for your inclusion of these thoughts within the Air Force considerations as it finalizes review of the EIS and engages in decision making for a recommendation on the relocation of SSD.

Very truly yours,

GORSUCH, KIRGIS, CAMPBELL,
WALKER & GROVER

Thomas N. Jones

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September 14, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Col. Bartol:

15.10 I am writing this letter in support of the proposed relocation of the Space Systems Division from the Los Angeles Air Force Base to Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The Colorado Springs area offers an excellent quality of life to residents who live in this area. Commuting times are short, excellent housing is available at very low cost, and weather conditions permit year-around activities for all inhabitants. The above factors are clearly superior to the factors present at the present location and to those of the other sites under consideration.

I would strongly urge that the Air Force consider relocation of the SSD to Peterson Air Force Base.

Sincerely,

Dan S. Hughes

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cc: Wanda L. Reaves

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September 13, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
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Re: Relocation of the Space Systems Division

Dear Colonel Bartol:

In recent months, we have seen an increasing desire on the part of people in the Los Angeles area to relocate to Colorado Springs. For instance, Dr. James Dobson reports that when he announced the relocation of Focus on the Family to the approximately 700 staff members, over 90% indicated the desire to relocate to Colorado Springs. Of this 90%, approximately half indicated they would do so if they could overcome some significant impediment such as spouse re-employment or the sale of residence.

The primary reasons for the enthusiastic desire to relocate to Colorado Springs from the Los Angeles area appear to be the quality of life, availability of inexpensive quality housing, and short commuting times coupled with lack of gridlock.

The local business community is entirely supportive of the strong military presence in Colorado Springs and vicinity. Relocation of the Space Systems Division would clearly have a positive impact on the local economy and tax base by absorbing some of our excess real estate inventory and increasing local spending power.

The strong social fabric of this community offers a positive counterpart to the environmental amenities. This factor alone makes it possible to recruit excellent, dedicated workers who remain productive because of the support they receive from their families and other social institutions. For instance, just today I got a call from an attorney with eleven years of practice in Los Angeles. He desires to move to Colorado Springs even though he will receive

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probably less than half his Los Angeles income. His stated primary reason for the move was to have his two small children and wife have a better family life than is possible in Los Angeles.

15.10 If recruiting and retaining top quality people and maintaining their productivity is important to the Air Force Space Command, Colorado Springs is the best location.

Very truly yours,

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September 13, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartel
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Dear Colonel Bartel:

I am writing to encourage the Air Force to locate all of Space Systems Division in Colorado Springs. This region can very comfortably accommodate the community impact of this major relocation. 15.10

In particular, the supply of existing and planned housing will provide economical and convenient living opportunities. Housing is so much cheaper than the Los Angeles area or almost anywhere in California that housing alone makes the cost of living in Colorado Springs a tremendous advantage. Local government permission for construction of new homes usually takes 2 or 3 months, instead of 2 or 3 years.

The highway situation looks good too. The main access points for Peterson AFB are northgate and westgate. Both have gotten special attention recently (before SSD even came up) in order to expedite the construction of new and better road capacity. The critical adjoining segment of US 24 Bypass has been accelerated by a special agreement between City, County and State governments specifically designed to speed up the construction. That's now a "done deal" that will start next year.

The highway outlook is like most other infrastructure items around here - there is a plan and a fiscally - sound approach to getting that plan done. For example, no City in Colorado has better utility planning than the City of Colorado Springs. It is not hand-to-mouth planning either. We have the water and other capacities to handle growth for years to come, which many areas do not. Colorado Springs has the track record and the resources to back up its planning.

One last thought. There is no doubt that Colorado Springs is a great place to live. Just ask the Air Force personnel and their families who already live here and ask the contractor personnel who support the military mission. But more than

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morale is at work here. There is a strong, well-established working relationship between the military commands and the community - an in-place system for communicating both ways, a team effort manned by experienced people who understand and appreciate the relationship. That is already here - waiting to help SSD get the most out of their mission.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the strong ability of Colorado Springs to accommodate Space Systems Division. I moved here myself from Los Angeles 22 years ago because Colorado Springs can handle the future.

Yours very truly,

David K. Sunderland
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The Symphony of Colorado Springs

September 14,1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartel
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
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Dear Col. Bartel:

Within the many advantages which Colorado Springs can offer its citizens, perhaps no one has highlighted the diversity and excellence of the Arts.

Within the Arts community in this region we boast an excellent Colorado Springs Symphony which regularly makes National news with the variety and quality of its offerings. Among our many theatre companies and dance companies we also have a world-class Fine Arts Center with a special school -the Dewis Art School - which teaches our children. Colorado Springs also is the home of the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo , this country's only mountain zoo,which is now undergoing a $7. million addition.

Colorado Springs is very much a "family" community and the opportunities for children are immeasurable. Whether the interest is in the amazing lessons at the World Arena, dance lessons, or learning to perform on instrument in our Youth Orchestra, the vehicle is there.

It is also a community which is open to involvement. It is a community in which 1 person can still make a difference. We urge you to give Colorado Springs consideration in your decision to make the move of your Space Systems Division. The members of that Division will find a productive and happy home in Colorado Springs. 15.10

Sincerely,

(Mrs) Beatrice W. Vradenburg
General Manager
Colorado Springs Symphony

Attachment to Document 151



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COLORADO SPRINGS OSTEOPATHIC FOUNDATION & FAMILY MEDICINE CENTER

September 13, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Div.
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Sir:

It is my understanding that the Air Force is considering relocating the Los Angeles Air Force Base (Space Systems Division) to the Colorado Springs area (among other sites). We certainly hope you will choose Colorado Springs. 15.10

As a CEO of a non-profit healthcare foundation, I have had the opportunity of working with, living near, socializing, and observing military personnel in this city. They are a major asset to this community and contribute expertise to many of our non-profit organizations as members of boards and advocates. Three of my employees are spouses of military officers and enlisted men, and I am glad to have them on board. In each case, the spouse we hired was the best candidate for the job. Had the military not been here, we would not have these top employees.

Colorado Springs is a wonderful place for families. Housing and utilities are inexpensive compared with many other places in the country. Our schools are excellent. The recreational opportunities are abundant and nearby, and cultural and religious activities are many. There is something for everyone.

With the Air Force Academy, Falcon Air Station, NORAD, Peterson Field, Space Command and Fort Carson all part and parcel of this city, the people here do not need to be oriented to the military environment, as our daily interactions often involve the military. Our resident physicians, for example, do a rotation at Evans Hospital at Fort Carson, and several of our organization members are military doctors. The military is and has been a working part of this community - and that does make a difference.

The city network is such that every part of the city is easily available to reach in a short period of time -- and that means more time for work and recreation and less time on the road.

We hope you will seriously consider our city, Colorado Springs, as the place to relocate your Space Systems Division.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

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September 14, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs
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SUBJECT: Draft EIS - Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AFB, CA and Relocation of Space Systems Division

Dear Sir:

I am writing in response to your Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the closure of Los Angeles AFB and the relocation of the Space Systems Division as it might affect the Vandenberg AFB area.

15.10 As a 28 year resident of Santa Maria, I believe all or a portion of the proposed move of the Los Angeles AFB, SMO at Norton AFB as appropriate for our Country's needs could and would be well received by the majority of Santa Maria and Lompoc residents.

When there is a will, there is certainly a way to provide the necessary water, air quality, housing, and traffic mitigations by sensible planning and providing for these necessities, whether for Air Force or other needs.

Vandenberg AFB, its people, and its mission have been an asset to our area for the 28 years that I personally know of. Filling the 5,000 jobs that were once there and adding additional ones will be welcome to our area's economy which took a serious blow from the Challenger disaster.

Water

Water, a subject which I have followed closely for the past ten years as committee chairman and co-chairman of the Economic Development Association - Chamber of Commerce Water Committee, can be acquired through various means. The State Water Project Coastal Branch EIR is currently being reviewed with probable certification in early 1991. There is currently 12,300 acre feet per year uncommitted and available for purchase for about $200.00 per acre foot ($2.25 Million). As an example, Vandenberg currently has 8,000 acre feet per year committed as its portion of the project. Desalination, when economically viable, is a real future source "on the shelf".

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Housing

We have the resources to provide 6,500 housing units within Santa Maria City Limits, with a possible addition of 7,000 more units by annexation currently under study. Many other local areas from Santa Ynez to Arroyo Grande would provide shares of the housing needs.

Air Quality

The Santa Maria, Lompoc area is seldom (if ever) impacted with air quality problems. The quoted non-attainment has basically been recorded at San Marcos Pass station during adverse weather conditions which have reversed South County problems over the Santa Ynez Mountains. I've been breathing this good air for 28 years, I find it is one of our finest assets. I have even heard Mr. Ryerson, Santa Barbara Air Quality Control Chief Officer, comment that our area really has no air quality problems, except occasionally particulate matter blown by our ever present sea breezes from the valley farming regions.

Transportation

The Santa Maria Public Airport is ready, willing, and able to provide the excellent air service needed; both private and commercial. Free parking, very adequate terminal facilities, hotel, and other vital air facilities are available to provide for such an expansion. A new 738 acre high tech industrial park is under EIR review currently which will provide industrial sites for possible relocated technical support firms for any such move.

Our roadway system, with continued good planning will keep our area free of traffic problems. The County recently passed a one half cent sales tax for roads within City and County areas. State gas tax increases will also help provide the funds needed.

In conclusion, you have my vote, and most of the people I know, to plan to move all or a portion of the Los Angeles base to our area.

Sincerely,

Herb Garfen P.E.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION

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State Historic Preservation Officer

September 12, 1990

Lt. Colonel Thomas J. Bartol
Director
Programs and Environmental Division
Ballistic Missile Support
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Norton Air Force Base, California 92409-6448

Re: Draft Environmental Impact Statement-Space Systems Division Relocation

Dear Colonel Bartol:

At the request of Gary D. Vest, Deputy Assistant Secretary, I have reviewed the Air Force's *Draft Environmental Impact Statement: Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base, California and Relocation of Space Systems Division* with regard to the potential effects of this undertaking on significant cultural resources at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico.

As described in the DEIS, four areas at Kirtland AFB are being considered for the proposed relocation of the Space Systems Division. No properties entered in or determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places will be affected by relocation to any of the four Kirtland sites. Four standing historic structures at Kirtland AFB, the Wem Officer's Club and three structures remaining from the original Albuquerque Airport, the former terminal and two hangers, are considered eligible for inclusion in the National Register. At the request of Kirtland AFB, I have reconsidered the eligibility of the three airport structures, and on the basis of additional information included in a recent cultural resources assessment of the base, I consider these properties to be eligible for inclusion in the National Register. The Wem Officers Club has previously been determined to be eligible for inclusion in the Register. None of the four properties is located in the vicinity of any of the proposed sites for relocation of SSD. Sections 3.6.11.2 to 3.6-30) of the DEIS should be amended to reflect this change in the eligibility of the airport structures. 14.1

Relocation of SSD to Kirtland site 1B will have an effect on five existing structures, Buildings 20200, 20201, 20202, 20203, and 20204. I concur with your determination that none of the described structures meets any of the criteria

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of eligibility for inclusion in the National Register. Because of the extensive land disturbances at site 1B, I also believe that it is highly unlikely that significant archaeological resources will be found at this location. It is my opinion that relocation of SSD to Kirtland site 1B will have no effect on any historic properties. The last sentence of the second paragraph of Section 4.6.11.1 (p 4.6-21) of the DEIS should be corrected to conform with this determination.

A recently completed cultural resources inventory survey of proposed Kirtland sites 1A and 1C did not locate any potentially significant archaeological or historic properties within the project areas of effect. The results of this survey are described in the draft report *An Archaeological Survey of Proposed Kirtland Air Force Base Program Arena, Bernalillo County, New Mexico* by Peggy A. Gerow, Office of Contract Archaeology, University of New Mexico. No other properties entered in or determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register are located in the vicinity of these locations. I concur with your determination that relocation of SSD to either Kirtland site 1A or 1C will have no effect on any historic properties. 14.1

Three previous cultural resources surveys, conducted by the Center for Anthropological Studies, provide adequate inventory data for Kirtland Site 2. The results of these surveys are described in *An Intensive Archeological Survey of a Portion of Kirtland Air Force Base New Mexico* and *Kirtland Air Force Base 1979 Archaeological Survey Project, Bernalillo County, New Mexico* by James B. Rodgers and *Kirtland Air Force Base 19880 Archaeological Survey Project, Bernalillo County, New Mexico* by Hayward H. Franklin. No properties eligible for inclusion in the National Register were located within the project area of effect. I agree with your assessment that a modern trash dumpsite in the vicinity of the golf course does not meet any eligibility criteria. No other properties entered in or determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register are located in the vicinity of the described location. I concur with your determination that relocation of SSD to Kirtland Site 2 will have no effect on any historic properties. Section 7.1, Kirtland Air Force Base References (p 7-15) should be amended to include the correct reference to the Hayward H. Franklin survey report.

In summary, the relocation of Space Systems Division to any of the described locations at Kirtland Air Force Base will have no effect on any historic properties. This determination is based on adequate inventory data for the four described locations obtained from existing sources or prepared specifically for the DEIS. Because of several man-caused disturbances at the land surface it is possible that significant cultural resources were not observed by the referenced surveys. It is therefore possible that buried archaeological manifestations may be uncovered by construction activities. If any such discoveries are observed by the archaeologist monitoring construction activities, artifacts and features should be protected in place until they can be evaluated and treated in accordance with the provisions of 36 CFR Part 800.11. 14.2

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Thank you for the opportunity to review the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and to consult with you on the potential effects of this undertaking on cultural resources at Kirtland Air Force Base. Changes in the scope or location of the proposed relocation to Kirtland AFB will require further consultation with this office. Please contact this office with any questions you may have regarding my comments or concurrence with your determinations of eligibility and effect. Otherwise, I will look forward to receiving a copy of the final EIS for this undertaking.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Merlan
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Goodwill Industries of Colorado Springs

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September 12, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Tom:

As the CEO of one of our nation's largest and most progressive Goodwill Industries organizations, may I urge those in charge to move the Space Systems Division from LAAFB to our most progressive and delightful low-cost-of-living community. 15.10

Colorado Springs, with its crisp, bright climate, advanced cultural activities, and sophisticated population, coupled with the ability to get from anywhere to anywhere on uncrowded tree-lined streets in twenty minutes, is clearly the best decision that could be made for this move.

Like to ski? You can do it locally or hop in your car and be in Breckenridge, one of America's premier ski areas, in two hours. Like fine music? Our Colorado Springs Symphony with its brilliant and innovative young conductor is active in our new acoustically excellent Pikes Peak Center. A stream of outstanding nationally-known professional presentations appear in this center, many for free. Lots of trout streams nearby also! Like fine art? Our Fine Arts Center offers a wide variety of upscale ongoing programs.

How about base exchanges, commissaries, and military hospitals? We're thrice blessed in this, with the Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Denver only an hour away offering every conceivable specialty that we don't have here. And, we have the nation's largest Retired Officers Association chapter, one that is very active in pro-Air Force issues. (This could get to be a problem as everybody who is assigned here wants to stay here.)

[illegible] Recipient of the [illegible] Presidential Citation "Search for Excellence" Award for Work Services for the Severely Disabled

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I would recommend that this decision be made sooner rather than later since there might come a time when our visionary local leaders will bow to pressures and slow down on enlargement actions. You need us, and, at this time, we need you.

Cordially,

Peter J. Hoke (USAF Retired)
President

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Taint Paint and Plate Corporation

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September 11, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

We are a small business in Colorado Springs and have been following the move reports, the Economic Development Council reports and The Chamber of Commerce news with reference to the possibility of relocation of the Space Systems Division to Peterson Air Force Base.

We feel that this would be a very good move for your people because we have a wonderful quality of life, excellent affordable housing, tranquility, and beautiful scenery.

Please give us very careful consideration, we are sure you would not be disappointed.

15.10

Very truly yours,

Frank A. Malvini
President

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September 14, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
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Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

15.10 Please accept this letter of support for the relocation of the Space Systems Division to Peterson AFB, Colorado Springs, CO. In making the decision to move to our community "SSD" will find that they are moving to a community that has a well established record for military support.

Colorado Springs has an allurement that is sometimes difficult to put into words. An obvious observation that one makes when arriving to our community is that this city has a plan. This is not a recent revelation. The city as a whole has been carefully guided since its incorporation. The ease which one can travel from area to area is testimony for a well thought out scheme for traffic flow and control. The short distance one has to travel to secure services, materials, and supplies displays to a newcomer that the city, as well as the private sector, is well established and is in order to provide support for a quality of life that is unmatched anywhere in the United States. Upon visiting our city you see with your own eyes the beauty of the city and surrounding area. Again, I know of no other place in the United States of which I would make the same statement. Just as in my business, I'm sure you value your "people" as your most important asset. Assets such as people often need more than an employer can provide in a workplace and that is exactly where the Community of Colorado Springs will offer those "assets": affordable and comfortable housing, entertainment and various other living conditions which people often value more than their actual jobs.

In moving "SSD" to Colorado Springs you will find that the choice to do so will place the division in a community that will welcome it, support it and allow the group to live a quality life of the type that those who do not live here will never experience.

Very Truly Yours,

Thomas J. Wheat
General Manager

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Quality Prepared Sportswear

September 12, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
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Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

I am writing to you because of my business's membership in the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce. It has come to my attention that you are looking at the possibility of relocating the Space Systems Division from Los Angeles Air Force Base to Peterson AFB. As a Colorado Springs businessman, I am of course biased in the belief that of all the sites you are considering, Peterson is surely the best.

15.10

While I am not qualified to make any kind of technical arguments regarding the relocation, I can tell you about something which I think should be an important part of your decision - quality of life. The cost of living is minimal compared to the Los Angeles area. Housing costs are very affordable. Utilities are reasonable. Schools are well located throughout the city and not overcrowded. Transportation arteries actually move traffic as they are intended to, and get you to your destination without taking a major part of your day. There are a tremendous number of outdoor recreational activities available throughout the year. The mountains really are beautiful!

Best wishes as you weigh all of the data involved in making a major decision of this kind. I look forward to welcoming the SSD to Colorado Springs. You'll not regret the move.

Sincerely yours,

Richard L. Strycher
Secretary/Treasurer

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PIKES PEAK JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION
A Voice for Social Justice and Nonviolence

Written Comment Sheet
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AirForce Base
and Relocation of Space Systems Division
Peterson/Falcon AFB's

At the public hearing held to discuss this matter on September 5, some of the speakers addressed with sufficient specificity the request that the proposed move of Space Systems Division to Colorado Springs would have on the overall environment of the Pikes Peak Region. Yet, this factor weighs heavily on our quality of life in Colorado Springs, and needs to be explored.

The preponderance of military personnel in Colorado Springs is threatening to our moral environment for two basic reasons: (1) The stifling of freedom of expression, and (2) The insensitivity of our Civilian life.

(1) Recently, some members of the Pikes Peak Justice and Peace Commission were holding a vigil at the downtown Post Office, commissioning US military intervention in Saudi Arabia. The vigil included offering pedestrians the opportunity to sign a petition promoting intervention. On several occasions, family members of active military personnel responded to this offer saying, "I'd like to sign that, but I'm afraid of the FBI/Air Force/Army/Navy/Marines/Coast Guard finding my family." Many, also, were the times that I stood with a banner in front of the Cheyenne Building (former home of US Space Command), trying to initiate dialogue about Star Wars with Air Force personnel coming the building, only to be told, "We have our orders not to talk to you people."

I grieve for the thousands of my neighbors who live with the fear that Big Brother is watching over their shoulders to determine the orthodoxy of the expression of their beliefs. I grieve also for those participating in a military system so monolithic that questioning and scrutinizing the system never occurs to many military personnel. What disturbs me the most, however, is a third factor of the domination of life in Colorado Springs by the US military - the environment toward and suppression of dissent. At the behest of the military, the law enforcement agencies of Colorado Springs have often arrested myself and others for expressing a dissenting viewpoint at important public gatherings (i.e. - visits by Presidents Reagan and Vice President Bush, the US Space Symposium) and "Open House" days at Peterson Air Force Base and Fort Carson, only to drop the charges at a later date. When this behavior occurs in "unfriendly" countries, we call it Unlawful Detainment and Harrassment. Those in Colorado Springs it is applauded.

15.7 I do not want 10,000 more US military personnel added to the population of Colorado Springs, further eroding the collective freedoms of expression of my community.

(2) Our Christian life also suffers from the military dominance of our community. Two of the principle pillars of Christian faith through the ages - nonviolence and solidarity with the poor among us - are stifled in the shrubbery of Colorado Springs. Nonviolence is a distorted concept even among professed Christians in our churches, apparently because it is threatening to those who've fashioned their lives on obedience. Efforts by local Christians to stand in solidarity with the poor and oppressed of the Third World are rewarded poorly by most local churches. The overlay of US political orthodoxy informs the environment of Colorado Springs Christians far more than the Gospel when the issue is oppression of poor people. On numerous occasions I've listened to local pastors bemoan, "I wish I could speak about these issues from my pulpit, but my congregations would put me upon." There is little expression of Church and State in Colorado Springs. The dominance of elite communities by the US military has reduced our churches to little more than handmaidens of the government, blessing troops and patheos with an always nervous eye cast upon the collection plate.

I do not want 10,000 more US military personnel added to the population of Colorado Springs, further eroding the integrity and prophetic nature of the Christian churches of our community.

Geoffrey Parker
Director - Pikes Peak Justice and Peace Commission

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Sept 13, 1990

Lt Col Tom Bartel
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Dear Lt Col Bartel:

I don't know what impact an individual's comments might have on the possible closure of Los Angeles AFB, but you may want to add mine to the stack.

I've been employed as a high grade civil service employee at SSD since 1974. Over the last 16 years, I've seen many of the desirable elements or reasons for working at SSD, gradually disappear. As a result, I look forward to a change and, hopefully a better environment for rewarding work.

The entire West Side of the L.A. area has become increasingly congested with more and more people, resulting in frequently more frequent traffic jams, longer commuting time, more smog, and shorter tempers. The crime, even in our more affluent areas, is getting worse by the day. No one really feels safe and secure any more, and that

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in itself is reason enough to want to move out of this general area.

The cost of housing has skyrocketed, and it is literally impossible for most government employees to purchase ANY type of home on our constantly eroding salaries! One of the primary concerns of SSD employees who may have to move is: Will there actually be adequate homes available to buy should we be moved to Colorado Springs or Albuquerque? If all SSD and Aerospace employees moved, that would be nearly 8,600 families requiring homes. Many of these would want to buy a new home, and what are the chances of finding adequate homes in nice communities in those two cities? With that many families trying to find and purchase homes in such small cities, prices are likely to TEMPORARILY skyrocket there as well. I have not seen or heard of any comprehensive study to address this significant concern of most SSD employees.

1.7 If the DOD and AF are really serious about possibly moving SSD, why have they not compiled the necessary data, information, etc. etc about the possible sites, and provided that to SSD employees? I feel that would help eliminate, or at least lessen, the apprehension of most employees. Civilians account for the VAST MAJORITY of employees

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at SSD and Aerospace, and they've never lived anywhere except the L.A. area — so any change of location is a very significant event to them and their families. If Colorado Springs and Albuquerque Chambers of Commerce were asked to help put together a detailed package on their respective areas, it would be greatly appreciated by current SSD/Aerospace employees.

The decision to close, or not close Los Angeles AFB will undoubtedly be a high level "political" decision, notwithstanding the opinions and feelings of SSD and Aerospace employees. However, it should be nice if those opinions and feelings are seriously considered — even by the politicians.

From the information I've been able to gather, it seems like Albuquerque would be the most desirable location for SSD's future location. There are pros and cons to all sites being considered, but Albuquerque seems to offer the most positive reasons, if a move becomes mandatory.

Sincerely,
Cal Larson

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Country Classics Furniture

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September 14, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol,

We are very excited about the possibility of Space Systems Division relocating to Peterson AFB.

Colorado Springs is very beautiful and our quality of life is very high. We enjoy short commuting times and affordable high quality housing. Our customers who have moved here from California are thrilled with their new homes, the low cost of living here, and the lack of traffic. 15.10

Our community is comprised of good, kind, responsible citizens and we enjoy having them for customers. This includes the United States Air Force personnel that are already here and we would enthusiastically welcome more.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ann Fetsch
President

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SIX INSURANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT

September 13, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

We sincerely hope you will select Colorado Springs for Space Systems Division.

The quality of life will be a tremendous morale booster. There is abundant affordable housing, good neighborhoods, good schools, and as fine a community as there is on this planet. 15.10

Good luck, and I hope to meet you one of these days in your new home in Colorado Springs.

Sincerely,

Wayne [illegible], CIC

cc: Wanda L. Reeves, Executive Vice-President
Chamber of Commerce

5825 Delmonico Drive Suite 110 • Colorado Springs CO 80919 • 719 590-9990 • FAX (719) 590-9992

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283 Regulus Avenue
Lompoc, CA 93436
September 17, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director of Programs and Environmental
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, California 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

Please refer to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement entitled Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AFB, California and Relocation of Space Systems Division, July, 1990.

The focus of this letter concerns water and housing needs as related to the above document.

As expressed in the EIS, water is a critical factor in all of the study area, including northern Santa Barbara County. The demand for water has increased significantly since Vandenberg Air Force Base was transferred from Camp Cook in the late 1[illegible]. Today we find ourselves in a major long-term overdraft situation according to the EIS, amounts to 32,000 acre-feet/year. Although supplementary sources were presented in the EIS, the Coastal Aqueduct deserves special attention. According the the EIS, "Construction of the [Coastal] Aqueduct) pipeline is anticipated to begin in 1992." The 1992 figure is a best case scenario if approved by the citizens of both Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties and no court challenges are filed against the project. For a variety of reasons, the approval of the Coastal Aqueduct has experienced a considerable number of delays since the Santa Barbara County-wide advisory vote of its citizens in the late 1970's when the importation of state water was defeated by a wide margin. Further, at this time it is not known if the importation of water by the Coastal Aqueduct shall be used to recharge depleted ground water basins in the Santa Maria and Lompoc Valleys, or be used as a growth-inducement measure, or a combination of the two possibilities. It is reasonable to assume that such delays will continue in the future and that the start of construction by 1992 is suspect. Assuming a four year construction phase of the pipeline, it is conceivable that targeted phase in dates of 1993 through 1995 would be completed well before supplementary water from the Coastal Aqueduct, if approved and constructed. The relocation of the Los Angeles Air Force Base facilities to northern Santa Barbara County would be a major contributor to an already seriously stressed water condition. I urge caution when evaluating a water source that is suspect. 10.2

The second area of focus is that of housing as a result of the cancellation of the Space Shuttle. According the the EIS, [illegible] jobs were eliminated due to the cancellation of the Space Shuttle. The implication from the EIS is that the vacancies generated by the loss of the [illegible] jobs has also made a corresponding number of housing units may be available for off-base personnel from Los Angeles Air Force Base who wish to live in the greater Santa Maria/Vandenberg Air Force Base/Lompoc area. Immediately after the closure of the Space Shuttle, in Lompoc there was a concentrated effort to fill housing vacancies by encouraging workers 4.16

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to relocate in Lompoc and commute to jobs in the Santa Barbara area, some 50 miles to the south. Although housing stocks are available in the Lompoc area, the implication from the EIS that adequate stocks may be available needs to be thoroughly evaluated.

Finally, as a point of reference, the impact of 27,700 people moving into the greater Santa Maria/Vandenberg Air Force Base/Lompoc area is extremely significant. The current population of the above area is approximately 136,000. Adding 27,700 people over a period of three years is a 20.4% increase. By contrast, the population of Los Angeles City is 3,440,500 (in 1989). Adding 20.4% would increase the population of Los Angeles almost 700,000 people over three years. Please be sensitive of the tremendous material and social impact placed upon our relatively small community.

Yours truly,

Bruce A. Beebe

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California State Senate

SENATOR
BILL LEONARD

September 19, 1990

Lt. Colonel Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Colonel Bartol:

15.10 I am writing once again to offer my wholehearted support for keeping the Ballistic Missile Operation (BMO) at its present location, while relocating the Space Systems Division (SSD) to March Air Force Base.

The loss of Norton Air Force Base will have substantial economic impact on our area. The loss of the BMO would make this impact even harsher. By keeping the BMO at Norton and moving the SSD to March, the Inland Empire will have the opportunity to minimize the negative effects of Norton's closing.

Please give these matters your most serious consideration before the September 24 deadline as they are of vital importance to the Inland Empire and its residents.

Sincerely,

BILL LEONARD

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Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE- BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

September 14, 1990

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

I am writing to you concerning the relocation of the Space Systems Division currently at Los Angeles Air Force Base. It is my understanding that Petersen AFB in Colorado Springs is under consideration as a potential site.

I'm sure that you already have some familiarity with the superb quality of life that is offered by this area. Housing is available and affordable, the climate is healthy, and commuting to work is not a nightmare. Colorado Springs offers many of the advantages found only in very large metropolitan areas, and at the same time does not take the mental toll that living in those areas can bring. It's my feeling that people moving here will be delighted to find things like Falcon Football, a fine symphony orchestra, and a well maintained zoo in a beautiful setting among the many other offerings.

I sincerely hope that we will have your support in determining the final location of the Space Systems Division. I'm sure that if Colorado Springs is ultimately chosen it will be a decision that will never be regretted. 15.10

Your's Truly,

Robert S. Mansfield
President and General Manager

CC: Wanda L. Rogers
Executive Vice President
Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box Drawer "B"
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Sept 14, 1990

TO. LtCol Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Col. Bartol:

15.10 News reports indicate Colorado Springs is being seriously considered as the new home of the Space Systems Division. Please know that my family & all those friends I have talked to would welcome the move to this area.

The following should be strong considerations in the decision:

- Ample available land for current & future needs.
- a good supply of affordable housing.
- a healthy level of traffic congestion.
- in close military support capacity of 3 major army & air force bases.
- an exceptionally favorable climate.
- proximity to the most desirable year around recreational areas in the whole country.
- A genuine rich quality of life that has led thousands of military retirees to choose this area as their permanent home.

Please know that this facility will be welcome in Colorado Springs.

Sincerely,
Frank E. Hammond
5990 Dorchester
Colorado Springs
80918

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Don't Make ColoSpgs. into a New L.A.!
Keep Colo. Springs Special! Clean!

Written Comment Sheet 5695

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base And Relocation of Space Systems Division

Peterson / Falcon AFBs

I attended the 5695 meeting on the Sep
for the Progress made. We are my friends
& Air Force military, natural environmental
Group and to make an environmental impact study
not Army Corporation.

I consider the increase traffic, population
and water needs a huge threat to the quality
of life here in Colorado Springs. I am appalled
at the way in which our local politicians
have glossed over these problems and act
as though any or no proposed damage would
make them our City known as a Silicon
Springs Capital of the world. But a "Valley forge"
we have said over again for Peace, Freedom
& Privilege.

My personal comment for Wright
I don't want to see an even more military
dominated city in my opinion. Though like the Air
Force Band I don't mean it DISLIKE! Music
is great. Thank You for Your Comments. Emphasize
Conserving, good jobs not more military
simply.

15.7

Name Esther L. Kammann - ESTHER L. KAMMANN
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Street Address City / State / Zip Code

Please hand this form in or mail to: Director
Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE - BMS / DEP
Norton Air Force Base CA 92409 - 6448

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September 14, 1990

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Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

We understand the U. S. Air Force proposes to close Los Angeles Air Force Base and that Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs is a potential relocation site for the Space Systems Division.

15.10 Our firm supports the SSD relocation to Peterson Air Force Base and believes such a relocation will be mutually beneficial to the Air Force and our community. Those of us living in this fine town enjoy our quality environment -- mountains, clean air, lakes, good schools and shopping, and short commutes to our jobs and recreation/leisure activities. SSD employees will find ample housing available in all price ranges.

Colorado Springs' quality of living attracts people from all over the United States, as evidenced by the employment requests we receive from individuals willing to relocate from more affluent parts of the country simply to live in our community. We are confident the employees of the Space Systems Division will enjoy our quality of life also.

We are excited that Colorado Springs is under consideration for the SSD relocation and look forward to the opportunity of welcoming you to our city.

Sincerely,

Edward D. Meyer, P.E.

EDM/br
cc: Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce

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1333 Pacific Street
Redlands, CA 92373

17 September 1990

Lt Col Tom Bartol
Director of Programs and Environmental
AFRCE - BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt Col Bartol:

In response to the proposed SDD-LA relocation DEIS, the following comments are provided for your consideration.

Assuming that a primary reason for relocating SDD-LA relates to housing hardships on military and civilian personnel, consider relocating SDD-LA to San Bernardino. Buildable/affordable residential land is plentiful within a 40 minute commute from San Bernardino. Such move would certainly be welcomed by the local community as a favorable offset to the planned closure of Norton AFB within the next three years. The planned base closure would also make available significant amounts of vacant office space. 3.22

Sincerely,

Steven C. Surbaly

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RANDALL W.B. PURVIS
COUNCILMAN

CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

September 14, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
North AFB, Ca. 92409-6448

Re: Los Angeles Air Force Base-
Space Systems Division
Peterson Air Force Base

Dear Sir:

I am writing in regard to the Space Systems Division presently at Los Angeles Air Force Base. I understand that the United States Air Force proposes to close the Los Angeles Air Force Base leaving the Space Systems Division to relocate.

15.10 I strongly support the relocation of this Division to Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs. I would like to stress that Peterson A.F.B. in Colorado Springs would be an excellent relocation area. Colorado Springs has a vast number of available quality housing that is very close to the base for the people who are with the Space Systems Division program. With housing being so close, commuting times are at a minimum. Furthermore, the City of Colorado Springs and the State of Colorado are undertaking substantial capital improvement projects to upgrade significantly the roads accessing Peterson A.F.B. These projects are currently either in the design phase or the construction phase and will be completed in the near future.

For those off days, Colorado Springs can offer its beautiful parks, restaurants, and museums located at the foot of Pikes Peak. There are also tremendous outdoor recreational opportunities available in the Rocky Mountains, less than a 30 minute drive west of Colorado Springs.

As we offer you hospitality you can educate us in space.

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Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Re: Los Angeles A.F.B.
Space Systems Division
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As you can see, I am in full support of the Space Systems Division relocating to Peterson Air Force Base.

Sincerely,

RANDALL W.B. PURVIS

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

17 September 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director of Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCEMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base, California 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol,

15.2 This letter represents my strong objection to the possible closure of the Los Angeles Air Force Base. Space Systems Division is a challenging and rewarding place to work, and Los Angeles is an equally exciting place to live. The majority of Air Force and civilian personnel at SSD enjoy working and living here, and they do not want to move. Please consider these people and their strong ties to this area before making any decisions regarding the fate of LAAFB.

Sincerely,

Gregory S. Brown
Contract Specialist

DOCUMENT 172

Sunset Metropolitan District
5475 Mark Dabling Boulevard • Suite 300 • Colorado Springs • Colorado • 80916 • (719) 260-0099

19 September 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director of Programs
and Environmental
AFRCS-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

As manager of the Sunset Metropolitan District, which currently has a proposal pending to treat Falcon Air Force Base's wastewater, as the District's new regional wastewater facility, I would like to make some comments about the draft of the Environmental Impact Statement. Our facility is located Southeast of Falcon Air Force Base, down gradient in the Black Squirrel Drainage Basin.

First, at 3.5.4.2., reference is made to the fact that Falcon Air Force Base has for a number of years, not met the requirement of its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit. From our familiarity with the local "208" committee, the Air Force has diligently been taking steps to remedy this situation, including processing through the local "208" committee, and Soose Health Department a remedy and upgrade for their facility. In addition, the Air Force has reviewed innovative proposals from the Sunset Metropolitan District as early as October 1, 1988. They are currently reviewing the District's latest proposal. Construction of our regional, 1.04 million gallons per day, permitted facility, has just been completed, and we have provided the Air Force with more definitive pricing. 7.6

Second, at 4.5.4.1., reference is made that wastewater treatment at an alternative treatment facility would need to be utilized. Since this reference is to our facility, we would like to provide a short summary of our capability. 7.7

Our District can currently handle all the current wastewater flow, plus an increased .18 million gallons per day associated with the N.T.F. when it becomes fully operational. In addition, our plant could easily handle the highest projected flow of .39 million gallons per day, should a relocation of Space Systems Division come to Falcon Air Force Base.

The District's latest proposal to the Air Force is both cost effective and fully supported by Mountain View Electric, our joint venture partner, and the current electricity power provider to Falcon Air Force Base. Utilization of our facility, and regionalization of small wastewater systems and districts into area- wide systems, is strongly supported by both the County and State governments. The Air Force's integration into our facility would be in line with this policy. 7.8

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The substantial investment, already made by local utilities, provides a major advantage to the Falcon Air Force Base site, and would substantially reduce tax payer supported relocation, should the Colorado Springs area be chosen. The District is confident it can meet the projected needs of Falcon Air Force Base, and strongly supports the relocation of Space Systems Division to our area.

If we can provide any additional information, please let us know.

Sincerely,
SUNSET METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

Rodney J. Preister
General Manager

RJP/smw

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Robert D. Shanks
[illegible]

September 18, 1990

LtCol Tom Bartol, Director
Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BM DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

I am writing as an interested citizen of Colorado Springs, Colorado, to address the issue of relocating the Air Force Space Systems Division from Los Angeles to Colorado. As a taxpayer I could think of no better solution to a costly and poor quality of life problem. Further this proposed relocation would go along way toward solving various institutional inefficiencies which exist between the acquisition and operations area of the Air Force which could result in better designed space systems at significantly lower costs.

My wife and I moved to Colorado Springs seven years ago from Houston to open a marketing office for a large aerospace company. We could not be happier with our move based primarily on the wonderful quality of life to be enjoyed here. Our son was a sophomore at Cheyenne Mountain High School which we found to be outstanding academically. Housing was and is plentiful and on a cost comparison basis we found it to be much cheaper than comparable housing in Houston. From personal experience I can assure you Air Force and civilian personnel will find quantum improvements in housing, housing costs, taxes and insurance over comparable housing in Los Angeles, Orange County or Riverside counties.

Because I travel frequently, I find the routing and accessibility of air transportation to be good and with planned new airport facilities should be second to few in the nation in the near future. Perhaps the biggest positive I can mention in conjunction with Colorado Springs is the relationship the citizens and community enjoy with the other military personnel already located here. I have experienced no finer in my thirty years of professional life.

For all the above reasons I would encourage a positive decision by the Air Force in considering Colorado Springs as the future home of Air Force Space Systems Division. 15.10

Sincerely,

Robert D. Shanks

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CPA

CITIZENS PLANNING ASSOCIATION OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY INC

September 19, 1990

Lt Col Thomas J Bartol, USAF
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409

RE COMMENTS ON DRAFT EIS ON THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AFB AND RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION

Dear Sir

Citizens Planning Association of Santa Barbara County (CPA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed closure of Los Angeles AFB and Relocation of Space Systems Division. CPA is a nonpartisan countywide membership organization that has been dedicated for the past 35 years to excellence in community planning in Santa Barbara County.

Our principal interest in this matter is the proposed relocation to Vandenberg AFB and the impacts such a relocation would have on the residents and communities of Northern Santa Barbara County. While we acknowledge that such a move could have a beneficial economic impact, we believe there are social and environmental issues that are not adequately addressed in the document.

4.17 **Sec. 1.2.1. Summary of Scoping Issues**

This section lists concerns expressed at the Vandenberg meeting which included schools, housing, hospitals, airport capacity, water, traffic, sanitary systems, landfills, prime soils, sensitive habitat, and air quality as well as the cumulative effects of this project and the Titan-Centaur Launch Complex.

The document nowhere addresses impacts on schools, hospitals nor on police and fire services, although schools and hospitals were specifically mentioned in the Scoping section.

4.18 **Introduction Sec 1.1**

The introduction (1.1) to Sec 1.0, Purpose and Need for Action, states unequivocally that the decision to propose closure of Los Angeles AFB was based on "a number of operational and quality of life issues." While operational issues involving the proposed base closure and relocation of the

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Division are outside of our competence, "quality of life" issues are not. We submit that while "quality of life" for both military and civilian members is a legitimate concern for the Air Force, the quality of life for current residents of the area being considered for the introduction of 17,000 military and civilian personnel and their families should also be addressed in the EIS. Obviously any such increase in population for the area around Vandenberg AFB would have significant impacts of social and environmental [illegible]. 4.18

Water Supply Sec. 3.3.4.1

"The EIS summarizes future water supplies for the Northern Santa Barbara region in one sentence. "Construction of the (Coastal Aqueduct/State water) pipeline is anticipated to begin in 1992." Mitigation measures (Sec. 4.7) suggest a completion date of 1995. These dates are by no means certain. Before construction of the pipeline can begin, a vote will be required in all water purveyor districts of Santa Barbara County interested in receiving State water before revenue bonds can be issued for the project. Legal challenges to the Draft EIR issued in June 1990 (final comment date Sept. 17, 1990) are a real possibility, and the Draft EIR on the proposed raising of Bradbury Dam and enlargement of Lake Cachuma has not yet been released to the public. The latter is significant to the Lompoc Valley from which Vandenberg AFB currently draws 30% of its water (Sec. 3.3.4.1). The two EIP's have been intended to be considered jointly, so delay in release of the Cachuma EIP may mean delay in the vote on the Coastal Aqueduct Phase II. Further, the EIS is mute on the estimated costs to the Department of Defense on alternate sources of water for VAFB, specifically the Coastal Aqueduct/State water project. 10.2

Mitigation measures regarding water resources (Sec. 4.3.7.1) appear inadequate in that they deal only with the as yet unapproved Coastal Aqueduct Phase II. The EIS states that while the Aqueduct is "not interpreted as mitigation for the potential impact that the proposed action would have on groundwater resources, this water source would help alleviate the currently overdrafted aquifers of this region." No alternative sources of water such as desalination are mentioned. We would expect that the Department of Defense would actively insure that a safe, dependable, and adequate water supply would exist in the proposed relocation area. 10.8 10.9

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9.1 **Soils, Sec 3.3.6.2**

The EIS state that no prime soils are within the project area. Quite true if the project area is considered to be only the confines of Vandenberg AFB. However the EIS projects that relocation to Vandenberg would require the development of 1,110 acres of land for housing, commercial, industrial and public uses. Needs of the base and the potential financial gain can be expected to force some rethinking of current land-use plans by local jurisdictions, and it will be very difficult for these jurisdictions to resist pressures to rezone prime agricultural lands for such use.

11.12 **Air Quality Mitigation Measures, Sec. 4.3.8.1**

Air quality mitigation measures deal only with the construction period and subsequently with traffic to and from the base particularly congestion at the gates. We find no discussion of the impacts of traffic generated by the thousands of additional households many of whose members may be expected to travel to and from employment in the Lompoc/Santa Maria area.

In summary, we believe that the EIS is deficient in addressing the impacts of relocating the Space Systems Division to Vandenberg AFB in the above-cited matters, namely, community facilities and services, quality of life, water supply, soils and air quality. We respectfully request that these matters be fully addressed with appropriate mitigation measures in the final document.

Sincerely,

[signature]

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CITY OF Riverside CALIFORNIA

September 18, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

This letter is to reiterate and emphasize the City of Riverside's solid support for the proposed relocation of the Space Systems Division to March Air Force Base. 15.10

The City supports the relocation of the Space Systems Division to March Air Force Base for the following reasons:

1. It will bring much needed job opportunities to the Inland Empire.
2. The new and relocated jobs will help to ease the jobs to housing imbalance that exists in our region.
3. Added payroll and need for support services will have a multiplier effect that will create additional indirect employment.
4. Demand for industrial and commercial support space will take advantage of planned developments in Riverside and the surrounding communities.
5. Since we have ample residents now commuting to the Los Angeles and Orange County areas, we are able to accommodate the growth and functions of the mission without creating environmental impacts that cannot be mitigated.

The City's support has been forwarded to our Federal and State elected representatives.

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Staff members from the City of Riverside have reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement regarding the proposed closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base and we are convinced the final Environmental Impact Statement will be favorable toward those alternatives to maintain the Ballistic Missile Organization in San Bernardino and move the Space Systems Division to March Air Force Base.

If the City of Riverside can be of help in any way, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Terry Frizzel

Terry Frizzel
Mayor

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TRW

TRW Systems Integration Group

17 September 1990
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Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Col Bartol:

I understand you are working the potential move of the Air Force Space Systems Division (SSD) out of the Los Angeles area. I've enclosed an editorial out of yesterday's Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph that you may find interesting and helpful in your decision process.

While I agree completely with the author, there are two important points that he missed.

- Collocating SSD in Colorado Springs with its primary "customers" will certainly enhance effectiveness and reduce costs for SSD, USSPACECOM and its components and the newly established AFLC organization as they work together.
- The existing Colorado Springs labor force is inexpensive and knows the space mission and the local operating environment.

When you consider these advantages along with the quality of life issues identified in the editorial, Colorado Springs is indeed a natural for SSD. I hope that you and the others involved in making this important decision will agree. | 15.10

Sincerely,

George E. Boehmer, Manager
Colorado Springs Engineering Operations

GEB:gw

Attachment

Attachment to Document 176

36 GAZETTE TELEGRAPH SUNDAY, SEPT. 16, 1990

COLORADO SPRINGS
GAZETTE TELEGRAPH
ESTABLISHED IN 1872
FREEDOM NEWSPAPERS

EDITORIALS

Space division belongs here

Colorado Springs and the Air Force's Space Systems Division were made for each other. Transferring the division here from its current home at Los Angeles Air Force Base would be a boon for the local economy and a cost-cutting measure for the Defense Department.

Pushed by the high cost of living in Los Angeles, the Air Force is currently searching for an alternative home for the division's 10,000-member staff and its research and development programs. Colorado Springs, Albuquerque and two other locations in Colorado are under consideration.

Like many private companies in California, the Air Force has found it difficult to keep the kind of top-notch staff it needs for its cutting-edge programs. The Pentagon may soon decide the Air Force cannot afford a continuing presence in Los Angeles.

For the Air Force, Colorado Springs would be a natural selection.

For the Air Force, Colorado Springs would be a natural selection. It would be a welcome relief for the division and its employees. It would also be a boon for the local economy and a cost-cutting measure for the Defense Department.

The research being done by the Space Systems Division will also strengthen other research programs in the Pikes Peak region, in particular those at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. In a recent article in the Los Angeles Times, the dean of UCLA's School of Engineering, Frank Wattenberg, said forcing the Space Systems Division to move would be a "tremendous setback" for the program.

Additional study results of moving the division have been released by Senator Gary Hart, D-Colo., and Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo. They reflect the same positive and cost-saving benefits that would accrue to the Colorado Springs area. Hart's office estimates a move to the Colorado Springs Municipal Airport would mean direct savings to Los Angeles, and would enable it to better attract high-tech industry.

The Colorado Springs area would be welcoming its temporary dependents, but so would the division's permanent personnel and its contractors. Colorado Springs has been recognized by the U.S. Air Force Academy and Peterson Air Force Base as a community that welcomes military personnel and their families. Many of the division's employees would likely relocate to Colorado Springs, the reasons for our enthusiasm are obvious.

Unfortunately, politics will play a big part in where and whether the Space Systems Division finds a new home. Congress must give final approval to the move and California has by far the largest delegation in Congress. If they can look at the merits rather than the interest of one area, Colorado Springs and the Space Systems Division would be a perfect match.

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW
SUITE 6, REPOSE NORTH
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

TELEPHONE
TELECOPIER

September 18, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

I wanted to express to you my support and encouragement for the relocation of the Space Systems Division to Colorado Springs. I am sure that the people of Space Systems Division will add greatly to Colorado Springs. Having been in the real estate business for a number of years as well as a practicing attorney, I can assure you that there is available quality housing in Colorado Springs. My family and I enjoy very much living here and I particularly enjoy my five minute commute to work. There is a lot of free entertainment with the mountains just out the back door and a lot of excitement is generated in the community with the Air Force Academy, Olympic Training activities and the general exhilarating and healthful atmosphere of the town. I know the people working with the Space Systems Division would enjoy living here as we have. | 15.10

Sincerely,

ALPERS, JOHNSON, MYERS
STUART & FINLAYSON

John M. Mathers, P.C.

JMM:rc

JMM\81790

DOCUMENT 178

BRICKELL BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS
BUSINESS DICTATION & COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT
913 B Sun Pillows, Suite #1, Colorado Springs, CO 80907-4315
(719) 634-2500
Fx/Fax # (719) 634-2533

September 17, 1990

Lieutenant Colonel Tom Bartol
Director of Programs and Environmental AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, California 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

I had an opportunity to attend the Draft Environmental Impact Statement meeting Colorado Springs on September 5th. However, I chose not to speak at that time because I had not reviewed the report and do not like to express an opinion on that sort of basis.

As a lifelong resident of Colorado Springs, I can assure you Colorado Springs offers an environment that is much healthier and would afford members of the Space Systems Division a quality of life that is not available to them at this time. We have available and affordable housing, the cost of living is significantly lower, quality recreation is available within shorter driving distances than what I am sure some personnel must spend in getting to Los Angeles Air Force Base from their homes.

Colorado Springs enjoys one of the finest reputations for community/military relations. I can assure you that the vast majority of the community would welcome with open arms the Space Systems Division. Also, it is a well-documented fact that a cleaner, more relaxed environment would provide a significantly more productive work force.

15.10 I strongly urge a favorable report for the relocation of the Space Systems Division to Colorado Springs. Should you desire additional information from me, I can be readily reached at my office, 719/634-2500.

Sincerely,

Will A. Brickell

Will A. Brickell

BRICKELL BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS

WAB/rab

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Our company is dedicated to providing superior products and service to its customers; conducting our business in a highly professional manner, with the utmost integrity and sensitivity to our customers.

DOCUMENT 179

Corporation

- Reliable and Rapid Growth
- Consistently Upright Security
- Location Enhancements & Modeling

September 17, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE - BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

It's very exciting for our community to have Peterson AFB in the running for the relocation of Space Systems Division. Colorado Springs, Colorado is the best relocation choice. The quality of life is superb. Our housing is readily available and easily affordable whether one chooses to buy or rent. You'll come to love and appreciate the short commute times on our well developed infrastructure of uncrowded roads. 15.10

The Pike's Peak region, which includes Colorado Springs, is one of the most breathtaking and beautiful places you'll ever see. From the unusual rock formations of the Garden of the Gods to the majestic Rockies, you will grow to appreciate the magnificence of the area.

Our city government, Chamber of Commerce and local businesses all stand ready to help you in your relocation efforts.

Sincerely,

William H. Watkins
President

cc Wanda L. Reeves
Executive Vice President
Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box Drawer "B"
Colorado Springs, CO 80901

DOCUMENT 180

THE Adaina CORPORATION
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS CONSULTING

September 18, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Col. Bartol:

15.10 This communique is in support of the relocation of Space Systems Division (DOS) from Los Angeles Air Force Base to Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado.

There are two primary reasons which I feel are of significance. First, in addition to the fact that the headquarters for Space Command is in the Pikes Peak Region it would seem to me that if space is the frontier of the future and the USAF Cadets are the leadership of the future; then having the two within "influence" distance of each other would be advantageous. Secondly, the Pikes Peak Region is uniquely qualified to host military organizations. The region has the technical and educational resources as well as the physical. Housing, transportation, and quality of life are all exceptional.

The Colorado Springs citizenry is proud of their military neighbors and would welcome DOS.

Respectfully,

Theodore R. Jones, USAF Maj-Ret

3645 Austin Bluffs Parkway Suite 310 Colorado Springs, Colorado 80918
(719) 598-3433

DOCUMENT 181

EL PASO COUNTY

OFFICE OF THE BOARD

OF

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
27 EAST VERMIJO
COLORADO SPRINGS COLORADO 80903

September 14, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Col. Bartol,

Having been out of the state for your last public hearing regarding the possible relocation of the Space Systems Division to Peterson AFB I would like to add my comments. I was in attendance in the meeting earlier in the year but did not testify and had fully intended to this time.

Peterson AFB is in my Commissioner District and being a native to the area I feel I bring a slightly different point of view.

My father knew the rancher whose lands were acquired to establish Camp Carson. It of course later became Ft. Carson. Along about the same time the department of defense contracted to share the airport and established Peterson AFB. Later came Ent AFB. Then NORAD which later moved under the mountain. The Air Force Academy then became part of our community. More recently Falcon AFB was established on the high plains east of the Peterson and is becoming the hub of our nations military space program.

"And yet there is room" and we would welcome the operations of the SSD as part of our community. I believe you will discover that the personnel would find our region very hospitable and the welcome mat is out should you decide to make the move here. 15.10

Sincerely,

Loren R Whittemore
Commissioner Dist. #2

DOCUMENT 182

September 17, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

It is my understanding the United States Air Force is considering Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs as a potential site for relocation of the Space Systems Division currently located in Los Angeles.

Anytime a decision of this magnitude is studied, the impact on all concerned is tremendous. In considering Peterson AFB, please keep in mind the support the SSD could have from our other military establishments. In addition, the Colorado Springs labor force is among the most highly educated in the nation.

As for quality of life, there is no question our community is highly regarded. The local housing market is extremely favorable for those relocating into existing or new homes. We have an excellent transportation syste and one can compute from one end of the city to the other in less than 30 minutes. The natural beauty of Colorado Springs is of great enticement and this is the cleanest city I have ever had the opportunity to reside.

15.10 In the end, I know whatever decision is made regarding the Space Systems Division will be done in the best interest of the Air Force and the role of the SSD. I feel Colorado Springs offers everything you need.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.

Sincerely,

Ke..neth P. Wa..oba
President

KPW/ka

DOCUMENT 183

The Alikar Gardens
Resort Apartments Executive Suites

September 18,1990

LTC Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear LTC Bartol,

Colorado Springs climate, scenic beauty, recreation and cultural features offers an ideal environment for the individual or family. 15.10

The Civic Center and Fine Arts Center provide many outstanding musical and fine arts events. Outdoor recreation, libraries, schools and universities round out an exceptionally favorable location.

Residential areas through out Colorado Springs offers a wide variety of housing. Homes, townhomes, condominiums, and apartments are available for the individual and families.

Alikar Gardens Resort provides daily, weekly, or monthly accommodations. Our Executive Suites, 1 and 2 bedroom apartments are completely furnished and equipped to provide an "instant home" for those traveling or relocating in the Colorado Springs area. Located 8 minutes form Peterson Field West Gate, we offer special rates for military. Please see the enclosed brochure and benefits list for more details.

If I can be of any assistance please call me at our toll-free number (800-456-1123).

Sincerely,

Flora Moeller
Reservationist

1123 VERDE DRIVE, SUITE C · COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO 80919 · (719) 475 2564 · 1 800 456 1123

Attachment to Document 183

BENEFITS TO BE ENJOYED at The ALIKAR GARDENS RESORT

Executive Suites, 1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments

The ALIKAR GARDENS RESORT is a refreshing alternative to hotel or motel accommodations! The offer spacious, well appointed apartments "with room to roam and feel at home." Our award winning lodging apartment community is well known for the friendly, efficient and exemplary service we provide. Some other advantages to living at The ALIKAR GARDENS RESORT are:

FOR YOUR COMFORT...
Comfortable and spacious apartments at very competitive rates. New custom-made furnishings in decorator fabrics and colors including a queen-size sofa sleeper at the living room, new carpet, mini-blinds, etc. Fully equipped kitchens, range appliances, and service six days supervised. Efficient and friendly weekly maid service.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE...
State-of-the-Art 20 inch color TV with 25 channel cablevision. Telephones with answering and outgoing direct dial capability. Photocopying and Fax services available at the main office. Laundry facilities on the premises.

FOR YOUR PERSONAL NEEDS...
Bathrooms have massage shower heads, sliding glass shower doors, heat lamps and plenty of towels. Posturepedic queen-sized beds, decorator linens and bedspreads. Really fast firm quality pillows.

FOR YOUR SERENITY...
Award winning landscaping with streams, waterfalls and fountains. Three picnic areas with barbecue grills, tables and benches, and redwood sundecks amid flowers and trees.

Extensive outdoor lighting system highlighting the landscape and walkways. Well maintained and lighted parking areas.

FOR YOUR WELL BEING...
The Resort ambiance is enhanced by a heated swimming pool, whirlpool spa and use of private, climate controlled 10 minute Fitness Center. Public golf courses within two blocks. Major city park with ice skating, swimming, jogging path, bicycling, fishing, tennis courts, basketball courts, playground and more, only 3 minutes away.

Covered balconies with outdoor furniture for your enjoyment of the mountain and garden views. Private townhouse-like entrances to each apartment.

Fine restaurants, mini-mall and supermarket within walking distance. The large Citadel shopping Mall and Downtown only 5 minutes away.

TO MAKE LIFE EASIER...
Complimentary taxi service to and from the airport on request. Fast check in and out service with carryout baking on request.

Fully staffed with Maintenance, Housekeeping, and Office Personnel on duty seven days a week.

PLUS ATTRACTIONS TO BE ENJOYED...
Garden of the Gods, Flying "D" Ranch, Olympic Center, Seven Falls, Zoo, Glen Eyrie Castle and many, many more attractions.

DOCUMENT 184

Cheyenne Mesa

September 14, 1990

Lt. Col Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and
Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt Col Bartol

This is written in support of relocating the Space Systems Division from Los Angeles to Colorado Springs. By this time you have no doubt received enough information about our town to open a min. Chamber of Commerce. My message is short. It is a good place to live, work and raise a family. We can accomodate your group nicely. You will find delight in being on the edge of the prairie at the base of the mountain. There is no place like it. 15.10

Good luck with your decision.

Sincerely,

Dick Schnickel
Administrator

DS/mpa

1353 South 8th Street • Colorado Springs, CO 80906 • (719) 520-1600

DOCUMENT 185

ARINC
RESEARCH CORPORATION
4418 E FOUNTAIN BLVD • SUITE 101 • COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80916 • (719) 574-8021

September 17, 1990

Reply to: ND/SOP/90-067

Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AF RCF-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Attention: Lt Col Tom Bartol

Subject: Relocation of Space Systems Division

Dear Colonel Bartol:

ARINC Research Corporation was founded in 1929 as the communications arm of the U.S. scheduled airlines. Over the years we have expanded our support to include various U.S. government departments and agencies. In 1984, we opened an office in Colorado Springs to support the Air Force Space Command. Since that time, the office has grown to over 100 people supporting the Air Force, Army, and U.S. Space Commands and the Strategic Defense Initiative.

15.10 ARINC and our staff whole heartedly support the Air Force Space Systems Division relocating to Colorado Springs. We believe that such a move would unify the space community bringing operators and developers together in one strategic location.

On a personal note, I moved to Colorado Springs from Annapolis, MD in 1987 to manage the ARINC office. I've been impressed with the quality of life here including available housing, excellent educational facilities, and easy access to cultural events, global transportation, and the great outdoors. But frankly what has impressed me the most are the people. Their work ethic and can-do-attitude are refreshing after experiencing the bureaucracy of a metropolitan area.

Sincerely,

T.L. Rupinski
Manager, Space Operations Program

TLR/ljr

DOCUMENT 186

Fellow Along Therapy, Inc.
Equipping Challenged Individuals With Skills For Independent Living

1112 West Colorado Avenue
Suite 3
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80904
(719) 473-1344

September 13, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

I am writing you to share with you my enthusiasm for living in Colorado Springs.

I am a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Colorado Springs and through them I learned about the possibility of LAAFB's Space Systems Division moving to the Springs.

My husband and I moved from Los Angeles to Colorado Springs in 1988. It's the best move I ever made and I am qualified to make this statement for I have lived all over the U.S. including both coasts.

We found the housing very affordable and purchased a dream house which could never have been obtained in L.A. We are both 10 minutes from work and this alone is worth a fortune not only in time and money but also peace of mind.

The most important quality of life here is the congenial atmosphere. Everyone is warm and friendly and genuinely concerned about your welfare. I have never lived in a friendly place like this one and furthermore I have never had so many friends.

I hope this letter will serve as positive food for thought as you consider moving to Colorado Springs. 15.10

Sincerely,

Jan Peterson

JP:rcp

cc: Wanda L. Reaves, Colo. Springs Chamber of Commerce

DOCUMENT 187

Fellow Along Therapy, Inc.
Equipping Challenged Individuals With Skills For Independent Living

1112 West Colorado Avenue
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(719) 473-1344

September 18, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

I welcome this opportunity to share my thoughts about living in Colorado Springs, Colorado. As employer of a member of the Chamber of Commerce and I feel compelled to do my part in spreading the good word about this city in hopes that it contributes to the positive reasons why LAAFB's Space Systems Division should move to the Springs.

My husband and I had resigned ourselves to moving to a job and after several years in Washington, D.C. and a year in Brazil, I feel I am qualified to make an informed [illegible].

There are many reasons why a person would benefit by moving to our area (i.e., climate, open spaces, outdoor recreation opportunities, current real estate prices, our health care services, etc.); however, what stands out the most for me is the simple fact that driving time is easier in Colorado Springs than in other cities. I believe that this [illegible] and there is no such thing as a metro [illegible] which runs to the mall or an easily accessible store at the drop of a hat. After work on the contrary, it is an experience that in these places everything is so difficult: the ever-present traffic and congestion, long lines, and stress which accompanies these factors is an ongoing daily routine.

It [illegible] spring [illegible] not missed living in the over-populated, fast-paced areas of other cities. Our quality of life has improved tremendously since we moved here. People seem to take the time to be friendly and courteous, and a resident can't help but feel that Colorado Springs is not a place to be. They [illegible] would be helping a great deal if LAAFB's Space Systems [illegible] were to come. However, I believe that its new residents would be even more enriched by what the Springs and its people have to offer. Thank you.

15.10

Sincerely,

Terry A. [illegible]

TJ:rcp

cc: Wanda L. Reaves, Colo. Springs Chamber of Commerce

DOCUMENT 188

Written Comment Sheet

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base And Relocation of Space Systems Division

Vandenberg AFB

Gentlemen:

Besides the obvious reasons as to why the relocation from L.A. to Vandenberg Air Force Base is [illegible] appeal, it should be looked at also. The majority of the workers that will be relocated will have family in the Southern California area. Vandenberg for them would be too much [illegible]. This will enable them to anticipate the relocation and not have to face the cost and of a long distance move and it would enable their families to maintain the relationships involved without traveling a great distance. I am sure that there will be many individuals that choose NOT to relocate just for this reason. Vandenberg is [illegible] a 4 hour drive from the majority of the areas that we are considering be moved. Keeping the employees that you already have must be much more cost effective than going through the employment process and finding experienced people in these other areas, some of which are in a non-metropolitan area.

Thank you for having the opportunity to express my opinion. I may

15.10

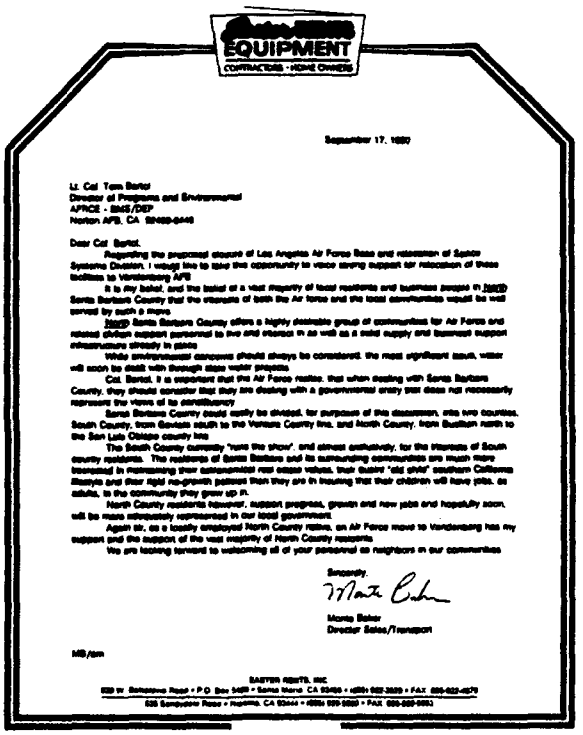
- Thank You For Your Comments -

Name [illegible]

Address [illegible]
Street Address — City / State / Zip Code

Please hand this form in or mail to: Director
Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base CA 92409-6448

DOCUMENT 189



EQUIPMENT
CONTRACTORS - HOME OWNERS

September 17, 1990

Lt Col Tom Bartol
Director of Programs and Environmental
AFRCE - BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Col Bartol,

15.10 Regarding the proposed closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base and relocation of Space Systems Division, I would like to take this opportunity to voice strong support for relocation of these facilities to Vandenberg AFB.

It is my belief, and the belief of a vast majority of local residents and business people in North Santa Barbara County that the interests of both the Air Force and the local communities would be well served by such a move.

North Santa Barbara County offers a highly desirable group of communities for Air Force and related civilian support personnel to live and interact in as well as a solid supply and business support infrastructure already in place.

While environmental concerns should always be considered, the most significant issue, water will soon be dealt with through state water projects.

Col. Bartol, it is important that the Air Force realize, that when dealing with Santa Barbara County, they should consider that they are dealing with a governmental entity that does not necessarily represent the views of its constituency.

Santa Barbara County should rightly be divided, for purposes of this discussion, into two counties, South County, from Gaviota south to the Ventura County line, and North County, from Gaviota north to the San Luis Obispo county line.

The South County currently "runs the show" and almost exclusively, for the interests of South county residents. The residents of Santa Barbara and its surrounding communities are much more interested in maintaining their cosmopolitan rural coastal valleys, their quaint "old world" southern California lifestyle and their rapid no-growth policies than they are in insuring that their children will have jobs, as adults, in the community they grew up in.

North County residents however, support progress, growth and new jobs and hopefully soon, will be more adequately represented in our local government.

Again sir, as a locally employed North County native, an Air Force move to Vandenberg has my support and the support of the vast majority of North County residents.

We are looking forward to welcoming all of your personnel as neighbors in our communities.

Sincerely,

Monte Baker
Director Sales/Transport

MB/sm

EASTERN RENTAL INC
[illegible] • P.O. Box [illegible] • Santa Maria CA [illegible] • (805) [illegible] • FAX (805) [illegible]
[illegible] • Hesperia, CA [illegible] • (619) [illegible] • FAX (619) [illegible]

DOCUMENT 190

ADD STAFF

18 September 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Sir:

ADD STAFF, Inc. supports the proposed relocation of SSD from Los Angeles AFB to Colorado Springs, Colorado. With Colorado Springs already "home" to the US Space Command, we feel it would seem a natural choice. 15.10

We first came to Colorado Springs as a military family stationed at Ent AFB and subsequently chose this as our retirement home. We found the community to be very friendly and receptive to military families, and feel it still is. Families relocating here would find abundant and reasonably priced housing, good schools, numerous cultural activities, and many nearby recreational facilities. Colorado Springs enjoys a fairly mild climate and its citizens enjoy a quality of lifestyle not often found in similar sized cities.

Sincerely,

ADD STAFF, Inc.

Cari Shaffer
President

CS/pb

Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry
Business of the Year for the Southeast Region of Colorado

The Chamber
Small business person of the year

DOCUMENT 191

Prestige Properties of Colorado Inc.

5555 Erindale Dr. Suite 207 • Colorado Springs, CO 80918 • Ph. 719-599-4500

September 18, 1990

LTC Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environment Div.
AFRCE - BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Sir:

Please consider this letter as another invitation to Colorado Springs.

I just recently completed a home sale to a couple from the Los Angeles area. They could have chosen almost anywhere in the country. However, they chose Colorado Springs. I quizzed them on why they chose to live in our community. Their response is summed up as follows:

1) Cost of Housing
2) Commute Time to Work
3) Quality of Life for their Family
4) Size of Community
5) Climate

Although Colorado Springs is not a perfect city, most people agree it has many advantages for business, military, and their families to enjoy.

The relationship with the military community is important to most people here. We enjoy and respect those who serve our country.

15.10 We would welcome you and those with whom you serve to be our friends and neighbors here in Colorado Springs.

Respectfully,

Steve Wrestler
President

SW:lt

Properties for Particular People

DOCUMENT 192

Current

September 17, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environment Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col.Bartol:

This is written to let you know how enthusiastic folks at Current, Inc. are about the possibility of the Space Systems Division (SSD) relocating to Colorado Springs. Current, Inc. employs about 2,000 people and has just celebrated its 40th anniversary, having been headquartered in the Springs all those years. Consequently we feel especially qualified to extol the virtues of our lovely town.

Aside from the obvious scenic beauty, Colorado Springs has much to offer both from a business/operations standpoint as well as from a lifestyle standpoint. To name just a few: high quality housing is plentiful and very affordable; the educational system throughout the city is strong; commuting times average about 10 minutes or less; and the transportation structure within the city is excellent. Additionally, Colorado Springs offers a wonderful variety of cultural, civic, recreational and sports opportunities. Colorado Springs is already quite closely aligned with the U.S. military and you should find a very accepting and hospitable climate for the work that your group does and for your personnel. Most importantly, of course, you'll be able to see all Air Force Academy home football games.

I've enclosed a sampling of the products that Current, Inc. makes and hopefully the folks in your office, a spouse, or friends will find them useful. We really would welcome SSD to Colorado Springs. If you would ever like to talk about any aspect of the town please don't hesitate to give me a call. 15.10

Sincerely,

Jon J. Medved
President & CEO

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SSD/BMO letter, page 3

W. R. "Bob" Holcomb
Mayor
City of San Bernardino

Terry Frazel
Mayor
City of Riverside

Denise V. Lanning
Mayor
City of Moreno Valley

Frank A. Gonzales
Mayor
City of Colton

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City of Fontana

Barbara H. Sheldon
Mayor
City of Banning

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Mayor
City of Beaumont

Trammel Ford
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City of San Jacinto

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Mayor
City of Norco

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Mayor
City of Highland

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Dennis Johnson
Jim Rassmuller
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SSD/BMO letter, page 4

INLAND ACTION, INC.
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Eadie & Payne, CPA's
San Bernardino, CA

INLAND EMPIRE ECONOMIC COUNCIL
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City of Colton
Colton, CA

Vicente Aguirre
Accountant
Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce
Riverside, CA

Gary Albaugh
Southern California Gas Co.
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Steve Albright
Executive Director
The Economic Development Partnership
Riverside, CA

Calvin B. Allen
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Owl Rock Products
Colton, CA

Max Alonso
Director
First American Title
San Bernardino, CA

Jose Amador
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The City of Moreno Valley
Moreno Valley, CA

Gary Anderson
Owner
Directors Mortgage
Riverside, CA

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SSD/BMO letter, page 5

R. T. Anderson
Best, Best & Krieger
Riverside, CA

Sarah Anderson
Partner
Ernst & Young
Riverside, CA

Tim Andersen
Vice President & Manager
First Interstate Bank
Riverside, CA

Dr. James R. Appleson
President
University of Redlands
Redlands, CA

David Aries
Managing Partner
California Commerce Center
Ontario, CA

Larry Arnn
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The Claremont Institute
Montclair, CA

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Rancho Cucamonga, CA

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Barton Development Co.
Rancho Cucamonga, CA

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Arlington Division
Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce
Riverside, CA

Louise W. Biddle
Riverside County Bar Association
Riverside, CA

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SSD/BMO letter, page 6

Robert J. Berschbach
Attorney
Reid & Hellyer
San Bernardino, CA

Howard Bland
Managing Partner
Peat Marwick
Ontario, CA

Joseph Bonadman
President
Joseph Bonadman & Assoc. Inc
San Bernardino, CA

James Bradley
Western Community Bank
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July 20, 1990

The Honorable Donald B. Rice
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Earlier this year, the U.S. Air Force announced its intention to relocate its Space Systems Division, which is located at the Los Angeles Air Force Base in El Segundo, California.

I am writing to express California's strong support that this facility either remain at its current location, or be relocated to one of the two California sites currently under consideration, March Air Force Base or Vandenberg Air Force Base.

As a result of the reductions in defense spending, California stands to be impacted more than any other state. Clearly, with the six military base closures in our state already announced, and the fact that eleven more closures in the state are being considered, California is in jeopardy of suffering job losses in great disproportion to other states.

The Air Force Space Systems Division represents a unique and vital segment of our state's economy. This Division's mission is to develop and acquire space systems for the Air Force and other federal agencies. This function, far from deteriorating, is a vital and growing one in the context of today's evolving military and space requirements. At certain risk to California are approximately 10,000 jobs, including the 2,500 employees of the Ballistic Missiles Organization at Norton Air Force Base and the 4,150 civilian employees of the private Aerospace Corporation. These employees represent a sophisticated level of science and engineering skills which we simply cannot afford to lose.

Additionally, much of the Space Systems Division's operations are in cooperation with private contractors, several of whom have facilities on the same grounds in El Segundo. While it is speculative at this time, I am concerned that moving the Space Systems Division out of Southern California could impact these important jobs as well.

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Relocation of the Space Systems Division outside California would be a costly and unnecessary expenditure of decreasing defense monies. According to estimates developed by the Air Force, the total cost of closing the Space Systems Division and moving its personnel and facilities out of California could total $1 billion. If the Space Systems Division were kept in California, costs to the Department of Defense would be drastically reduced. This represents a prudent cost-saving measure as the Air Force faces increasingly difficult decisions on how to sustain readiness and strategic programs with fewer resources.

California must not pay more than what is fair to achieve the peace dividend, if there is to be one. My administration is committed to this project and I respectfully urge you: strong consideration of our desire to ensure that this important facility remain in California.

Most cordially,

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The Honorable George Brown
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Dear George:

As I have previously stated, I strongly object to the relocation of the Ballistic Missile Division from Norton Air Force Base. The loss of the Missile Group would cost San Bernardino County 8,700 jobs and $210 million in yearly payroll. Needless to say, this move would have a serious impact upon our local economy. The loss of jobs would cause a higher number being added to welfare rolls and more people commuting farther to and from work. This could further cripple our economy and add to our air quality and local traffic problems.

I urge you to do everything in your power to stop the relocation of the Ballistic Missile Division from its present location and its impending domino effect upon our local economy.

Sincerely,

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cc: Stephen Albright

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California State Senate
MARIAN BERGESON
SENATOR
THIRTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT
CHAIRMAN
LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

June 22, 1990

David K. McElroy, Managing Director
Economic Development Agency
Riverside County
Post Office Box 1180
Riverside, CA 92502

Dear Mr. McElroy:

Thank you for your recent correspondence with my office in support of relocating the United States Air Force's Space Systems Division to March Air Force Base in Riverside County.

As you know, Senate Joint Resolution 68 indicates the support of the Legislature for this relocation to President Bush and other members of the federal government. SJR 68 passed the Senate floor with a 38-0 favorable vote. I voted for the measure and I enthusiastically support the move to Riverside County.

I appreciate having the background information you provided. Best wishes for success in relocating the Space Systems Division to March Air Force Base.

Cordially,

MARIAN BERGESON
Senator, 37th District

MB:lm

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California State Senate

SENATOR
BILL LEONARD

May 24, 1990

Mr. Steve Albright, Chairman
Inland Empire Space Systems Division Relocation Group
3750 University Avenue, Suite 260
Riverside, California 92501-3313

Dear Mr. Albright:

I am writing to offer my wholehearted support for relocating both the Space Systems Division and the Ballistic Missile Operation to March Air Force Base.

The loss of Norton Air Force Base will have substantial economic impact on our area. The loss of jobs is one of the many negative results of closing this base. The Air Force has the opportunity to minimize that impact by relocating both the SSD and the BMO to nearby March. Employees then have the choice to commute to the new location rather than lose their jobs.

This relocation is of vital importance to the Inland Empire. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance in this important matter.

Sincerely,

BILL LEONARD

BL:jm

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE

July 17, 1990

The Honorable Mr. Richard Cheney
Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1000

Dear Secretary Cheney:

I would like to endorse the efforts of the Inland Empire of Southern California to bring the Air Force Space Systems Division to March Air Force Base.

I am the chief executive officer of the fastest growing campus in the University of California system. During the five years I have been associated with the Riverside campus, it has grown from 4,800 to 8,200 students, and it is expected to increase to 18,050 students by the year 2005. I emphasize this growth, for it has been accomplished in a spirit of total cooperation with the communities of this region.

I also anticipate that you must consider the same needs we have considered as you bring new jobs and new people to a region. The factors of affordable and accessible housing, quality education on all levels, quality of life, and necessary city services were all paramount to our decision to grow.

In each case, the citizens of Riverside and Moreno Valley and our neighboring cities have more than met the challenge. Equally important, the city administration and elected officials have gone out of their way to facilitate and encourage our growth.

The eagerness of the region to attract the Space Systems Division will encourage the leaders to be even more receptive to this installation. On a more personal note, I also want you to know that the University of California, Riverside, will do everything it can to respond to your needs through the full range

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of educational, cultural and social programs a major research university can offer. You will also be interested to know that our new College of Engineering will also offer programs compatible with the Space Systems Division, and we will be anxious to meet the advanced educational needs of your offices.

We thus take pride in encouraging your consideration of our region for this important installation. The Space Systems Division would be a welcome addition to a dynamic area.

Sincerely,

Rosemary J. Schraer
Chancellor

jo

bc Art Pick
Steve Albright
General Burpee

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SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FROM: Sup. Norton Younglove SUBMITTAL DATE:

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 90-365 Supporting the Relocation of the Space Systems Division to March Air Force Base

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

1. That the Board of Supervisors adopt Attached Resolution No. 90-365 supporting the relocation of the Space Systems Division to March Air Force Base.

2. That the Board of Supervisors direct the Administrative Office/Economic Development Agency and the County's legislative advocate to further the Board's position on this matter.

JUSTIFICATION

A project which is crucial to the Riverside County economy is the possible relocation of the United States Air Force's Space Systems Division (SSD). That facility is now at the Los Angeles Air Base, and studies are underway to analyze alternative locations for its proposed relocation. Relocating SSD involves 7,500 jobs, constructing of over 2 million square feet of office facilities, and over $1 billion in annual personnel and operating costs.

March Air Force Base is actively being considered for the new home of SSD. As Chairman of the Board, I have provided testimony to the Air Force in support of March and carried that message to our Federal legislative delegation, as well as the Pentagon, on the recent Washington, D.C. visit. I urge your adoption of this resolution.

Prev. Agn. ref. | Dept. Comments | Dist | AGENDA NO. 3.19

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RESOLUTION NO 90-365

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE RELOCATION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE

WHEREAS, The United States Air Force has announced its intention to relocate its Space Systems Division from Los Angeles AFB in an effort to consolidate its functions to realize greater efficiency, provide for future expansion, improve the quality of life for its military and civilian personnel by providing access to affordable housing and reducing commuter time; and

WHEREAS, the Air Force has announced its intention to study the relocation of the Ballistic Missile Organization from Norton AFB, in an effort to improve operational efficiency, and

WHEREAS, the Air Force has maintained an active facility at March AFB in the unincorporated area of Riverside County since 1917 and the Ballistic Missile Organization or similar agency at Norton AFB in neighboring San Bernardino County since 1962; and

WHEREAS, California is a critical location for the entire Pacific area with respect to supporting all space defense initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the community leaders of the Riverside-San Bernardino areas have joined together to relocate the Space Systems Division to March AFB and to keep the Ballistic Missile Organization at Norton AFB; and

WHEREAS, March Air Force Base possesses the necessary physical space, would provide continuity of operations within the Los Angeles basin, would cause minimal environmental disruption, has access to adequate and reasonably priced housing, offers easy access to Ontario International Airport, is close to a number of colleges and universities within the Inland Empire, particularly the University of California, Riverside, and its School of Engineering, enjoys excellent military-community relations, and has an excellent geographical location with adequate land for base and industrial expansion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE TO RELOCATE THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION FROM LOS ANGELES AFB TO MARCH AFB, AND TO KEEP THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION AT NORTON AFB.

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WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

County of Riverside
City of Banning
City of Corona
City of Hemet
City of Lake Elsinore
City of Moreno Valley
City of Norco
City of Perris
City of Riverside
City of Temecula

AGENDA
REVISED

July 9, 1990
6:00 p.m.

Moreno Valley
Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER — Chairman Richard MacGregor

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. SCAG "REGIONAL REORGANIZATION" REPORT — Supervisor Centeceros

Recommended Action: Review and approve with, or without modification, proposed comments on the SCAG "Regional Reorganization" Report

V. WRCOG SCHOOLS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT — Councilmember Gaila Jennings

Recommended Action: Discuss program and funding for the conference. Assign a technical committee.

VI. a. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR — Joe Guzzetta

Recommended Action: Consider proposal of the Technical Advisory Committee.

b. PROFILE FOR RECRUITMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Recommended Action: Review and comment on proposed profile for recruitment of permanent Executive Director position.

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VII. SUMMARY OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING — Chairman MacGregor

Recommended Action: Receive oral report for information only. Suggest changes for next year's format.

VIII. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RELOCATING THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE

Recommended Action: Adopt attached resolution in support of relocating the Space Systems Division to March Air Force Base.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. NEXT MEETING

August 6, 1990
6:00 p.m.
Moreno Valley Council Chambers

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A Committee Effort Supported By

The East Valley Coalition
The Economic Development Partnership
The Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce
The Inland Empire Executive Council
The Hemet Working Group
The City of Moreno Valley
The City of Riverside
Riverside County
San Bernardino County
The Silver Lakers
Southern California Edison
The Valley Group
The Southern California Gas Company

TO: Western Riverside Council of Governments

FROM: The Inland Empire Space Systems Division Relocation Groups

DATE: July 2, 1990

RE: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RELOCATING THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE

A project which is crucial to the Inland Empire economy is the United States Air Force's Space Systems Division (SSD). That facility is now at the Los Angeles Air Base, and studies are now underway to analyze alternative locations for its proposed relocation. Relocating SSD involves 7,500 jobs, constructing of over 2 million square feet of office facilities, and over $1 billion in annual personnel and operating costs.

It is our desire that you will actively support its relocation to March Air Force Base in Riverside County.

The Inland Empire Space Systems Division Relocation Group is a coalition of concerned elected, civic, and business leaders in the Inland Empire. Considerable funds have been raised to promote March Air Force Base as the best alternative site.

Your leadership and support of our endeavor will be greatly appreciated.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt the attached resolution in support of relocating the Space Systems Division to March Air Force Base

Attachment

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RESOLUTION NO. 1990-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF RELOCATING THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE AND KEEPING THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION AT NORTON AIR FORCE BASE.

WHEREAS, the United States Air Force has announced its intention to relocate its Space Systems Division from Los Angeles AFB in an effort to consolidate its functions to realize greater efficiencies, provide for future expansion, improve the quality of life for its military and civilian personnel by providing access to affordable housing and reducing commuter time; and

WHEREAS, these efforts should allow the Air Force to achieve its goal of attracting a professional management team for future space systems development; and

WHEREAS, the Air Force has announced its intention to relocate the Ballistic Missile Organization from Norton AFB, in an effort to improve operational efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Air Force has maintained an active facility at Norton AFB since 1917 and the Ballistic Missile Organization or similar agency at Norton AFB since 1942; and

WHEREAS, California is a critical location for the entire aerospace area with respect to supporting all space defense initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the community leaders of the Riverside-San Bernardino areas have joined together to relocate the Space Systems Division to March AFB and to keep the Ballistic Missile Organization at Norton AFB; and

WHEREAS, should the Air Force decide to move the Ballistic Missile Organization, the community leaders agree it should move to March AFB; and

WHEREAS, Norton Air Force Base possesses the necessary physical space, would provide continuity of operations within the Los Angeles basin, would cause minimal environmental disruption and access to affordable and reasonably priced housing, offers easy access to Ontario International Airport, is close to a number of colleges and universities within the Inland Empire, enjoys excellent military-community relations, and has an excellent geographical location with adequate land for base and industrial expansion.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California DOES HEREBY RESOLVE to respectfully request the Department of the Air Force to relocate the Space Systems Division from Los Angeles AFB to March AFB, and to keep the Ballistic Missile Organization at Norton AFB, or should it be moved, relocate the Ballistic Missile Organization to March AFB.

MOVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of June, 1990, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member Bowers, Lojo, Melendrez, Parrott and Mayor Commons.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT

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ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of Resolution No. 1990-33, duly adopted by the said City Council of the City of Beaumont on the date therein set forth.

CITY CLERK, CITY OF BEAUMONT

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RESOLUTION NO. 1990

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JACINTO, CONFIRMING ITS SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION FROM LOS ANGELES TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE

WHEREAS, the United States Air Force has announced its intention to relocate its Space Systems Division from Los Angeles AFB in an effort to consolidate its functions to realize greater efficiency, provide for future expansion, improve the quality of life for its military and civilian personnel by providing access to affordable housing and reducing commuter time. These efforts should allow the Air Force to achieve its goal of attracting a professional management team for future space systems development. Also, the Air Force has announced its intention to relocate the Ballistic Missile Organization from Norton AFB, in an effort to improve operational efficiency.

WHEREAS, the Air Force has maintained an active facility at Norton AFB since 1917 and the Ballistic Missile Organization or similar agency at Norton AFB since 1942.

WHEREAS, California is a critical location for the entire aerospace area with respect to supporting all space defense initiatives.

WHEREAS, the community leaders of the Riverside-San Bernardino areas have joined together to relocate the Space Systems Division to March AFB and to keep the Ballistic Missile Organization at Norton AFB. Should the Air Force decide to move the Ballistic Missile Organization, the community leaders agree it should move to March AFB.

WHEREAS, Norton Air Force Base possesses the necessary physical space, would provide continuity of operations within the Los Angeles Basin, would cause minimal environmental disruption, has access to affordable housing, offers easy access to Ontario International Airport, is close to a number of colleges and universities within the Inland Empire, enjoys excellent military-community relations and has an excellent geographical location with adequate land for base and industrial expansion.

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of San Jacinto respectfully request the Department of the Air Force to relocate the Space Systems Division from Los Angeles AFB to March AFB and to keep the Ballistic Missile Organization at Norton AFB or should it be moved relocate the Ballistic Missile Organization to March Air Force Base.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of San Jacinto, California on June 1st, 1990 by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen Poss, Ho Pedersen and Ed

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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CERTIFICATE

The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of Resolution No. 1990 duly adopted by the said City Council of the City of San Jacinto on the date therein set forth.

Deputy City Clerk

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RESOLUTION

of the

WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, The United States Air Force has announced its intention to relocate its Space Systems Division from Los Angeles AFB in an effort to consolidate its functions to realize greater efficiency, provide for future expansion, improve the quality of life for its military and civilian personnel by providing access to affordable housing and reducing commuter time.

WHEREAS, the Air Force has announced its intention to relocate the Ballistic Missile Organization from Norton AFB, in an effort to improve operational efficiency.

WHEREAS, the Air Force has maintained an active facility at March AFB since 1917 and the Ballistic Missile Organization or similar agency at Norton AFB since 1962.

WHEREAS, California is a critical location for the centre Pacific area with respect to supporting all space defense initiatives.

WHEREAS, the community leaders of the Riverside-San Bernarding areas have joined together to relocate the Space Systems Division to March AFB and to keep the Ballistic Missile Organization at Norton AFB.

WHEREAS, March Air Force Base possesses the necessary physical space, would provide continuity of operations within the Los Angeles basin, would cause minimal environmental disruption, has access to adequate and reasonably proceed housing, offers easy access to Ontario International Airport, is close to a number of colleges and universities within the Inland Empire, enjoys excellent military-community relations, and has an excellent geographical location with adequate land for base and industrial expansion.

RESOLVED, that the Western Riverside Council of Governments respectfully request the Department of the Air Force to relocate the Space Systems Division from Los Angeles AFB to March AFB, and to keep the Ballistic Missile Organization at Norton AFB.

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RESOLUTION NO 1990-73

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF [illegible], CALIFORNIA, ENDORSING THE RELOCATION OF THE AIR SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION FROM LOS ANGELES AFB TO MARCH AFB AND TO KEEP THE BALLISTIC MISSILE OPERATION AT NORTON AFB

WHEREAS, the United States Air Force has announced its intention to relocate its Space Systems Division from Los Angeles AFB to an effort to consolidate its functions to realize great efficiency, provide for future expansion, improve the quality of life for its military and civilian personnel by providing access to affordable housing and reducing commuter time. These efforts should allow the Air Force to achieve its goal of attracting a professional management force for future space systems development. Also, the Air Force has announced its intention to relocate the Ballistic Missile Organization from Norton AFB, in an effort to improve operational efficiency.

WHEREAS, the Air Force has maintained an active facility at March AFB since 1917 and the Ballistic Missile Organization or similar agency at Norton AFB since 1962

WHEREAS, California is a critical location for the centre pacific area with respect to supporting all space defense initiatives.

WHEREAS, the community leaders of the Riverside-San Bernarding areas have joined together to relocate [illegible] Space Systems Division to March AFB and to keep the Ballistic Missile Organization at Norton AFB. should the Air Force decide to move the Ballistic Missile Organization, the community leaders agree it should move to March AFB.

WHEREAS, March Air Force Base possesses the necessary physical space, would provide continuity of operations within the Los Angeles basin, would cause minimal environmental disruption, has access to adequate and reasonably priced housing, offers easy access to Ontario International Airport, is close to a number of colleges and universities within the Inland Empire, enjoys excellent military-community relations, and has an excellent geographical location with adequate land for base and industrial expansion

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Banning respectfully request the Department of the Air Force to relocate the Space systems Division from Los Angeles AFB to March AFB, and to keep the Ballistic Missile Organization at Norton AFB, or should it be moved, relocate the Ballistic Missile Organization to Hanes Air Force Base

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of September, 1990

Barbara Shelton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lucille M. Ellsmore, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, LUCILLE M. ELIZONDO, City Clerk of the City of Banning, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Banning at a regular meeting thereof held on the 11th day of September, 1990, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Councilmembers Hamada, Huggins, Malbert, Williams, Mayor Shelton
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Lucille M. Ellsmore, City Clerk
City of Banning, California

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City of Beaumont

560 East Sixth Street
P.O. Box 158
Beaumont, CA 92223-0158

714-845-1171
FAX 845-8483

From the Office of: City Manager

July 24, 1990

Inland Empire Space Systems Division
Relocation Group
3750 University Avenue, Suite 260
Riverside, California 92501-3313

Attention: Stephen Albright,
Chairman

Re: Resolution in Support and Donation of Funds

Dear Mr. Albright:

Enclosed are the following:

1. Resolution No. 1990-55, in support of relocating the Space Systems Division to March Air Force Base and keeping the Ballistic Missile Organization at Norton Air Force Base, which was adopted unanimously by the Beaumont City Council at their regular meeting of July 9, 1990.

2. City Warrant No. 13048, in the amount of $5,000.00, as the City of Beaumont's share of the funding for this project.

We will be interested in hearing how these efforts are progressing when there is something to report.

Sincerely,

Julie White,
Administrative Assistant
to the City Manager

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BEAUMONT CITY COUNCIL

July 9, 1990

Agenda Item No. 5

Presentation and Request for Funds by Inland Empire Space Systems Division Relocation Group in their Efforts to Attract the Space Systems Division to March AFB, and to Keep the Ballistic Missile Organization at Norton AFB.

MINUTE ORDER

Motion by Council Member McLaughlin, second by Council Member Bauer, to approve a donation of $5,000.00 to the effort to attract the Space Systems Division to March Air Force Base, and direct staff to prepare a resolution of support.

AYES: Council Member Bauer, Leja, McLaughlin, Parrett and Mayor Connors.
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of an order made and entered in the City Council Minutes of July 9, 1990.

WITNESS MY HAND and the Seal of the City of Beaumont

CITY CLERK

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RESOLUTION NO. 90-84

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE RELOCATION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION FROM LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE

WHEREAS, the United States Air Force has announced its intention to relocate its Space Systems Division from Los Angeles AFB in an effort to consolidate its functions to realize greater efficiency, provide for future expansion, and improve the quality of life for its military and civilian personnel by providing access to affordable housing and reducing commuter time. These efforts should allow the Air Force to achieve its goal of attracting a professional management team for future space systems development. Also, the Air Force has announced its intention to relocate the Ballistic Missile Organization from Norton AFB in an effort to improve operational efficiency.

WHEREAS, the Air Force has maintained an active facility at March AFB since 1917 and the Ballistic Missile Organization or similar agency at Norton AFB since 1962.

WHEREAS, California is a crucial location for the entire pacific area with respect to supporting all space defense initiatives.

WHEREAS, the community leaders of Temecula, Riverside, and San Bernardino areas have joined together to relocate the Space Systems Division to March AFB and to keep the Ballistic Missile organization at Norton AFB. Should the Air Force decide to move the Ballistic Missile Organization, the community leaders agree it should move to March AFB.

WHEREAS, March Air Force Base possesses the necessary physical space, would provide continuity of operations within the Los Angeles basin, would cause minimal environmental disruption, has access to adequate and reasonably priced housing, offers easy access to Ontario International Airport, is close to a number of colleges and universities within the Inland Empire enjoys excellent military, community relations, and has an excellent geographical location with adequate land for base and industrial expansion.

RESOLVED, that the City of Temecula respectfully requests the Department of the Air Force to relocate the Space Systems Division from Los Angeles AFB to March AFB, and to keep the Ballistic Missile Organization at Norton AFB, or should it be moved, relocate the Ballistic Missile Organization to March Air Force Base.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of August, 1990.

Ronald J. Parks, Mayor

ATTEST:

June S. Greek, Deputy City Clerk

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) SS
CITY OF TEMECULA)

I, June S. Greek, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Temecula, HEREBY DO CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 90-84 was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Temecula on the 14th day of August, 1990, by the following roll call vote.

AYES:	5	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Birdsall, Lindemann, Mahler, Moore, Parks
NOES:	0	COUNCILMEMBER:	None
ABSENT:	0	COUNCILMEMBER:	None

June S. Greek,
Deputy City Clerk

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BEAUMONT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

P.O. BOX 291 • 450 E. FOURTH ST. • BEAUMONT, CA. 92223
OFFICE HOURS: MON. THRU FRI. 8AM TO 4PM • (714) 845-9541

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

July 26, 1990

The Board of Directors of the Beaumont Community Chamber of Commerce, in full support of the Inland Empire Space Systems Division Relocation Group, unanimously passed the following resolution on July 25, 1990:

WHEREAS, the United States Air Force has announced its intention to relocate its Space Systems Division from Los Angeles AFB in an effort to consolidate its functions to realize greater efficiency, provide for future expansion, improve the quality of life for its military and civilian personnel by providing access to affordable housing and reducing commuter time. These efforts should allow the Air Force to achieve its goal of attracting a professional management team for future space systems development. Also, the Air Force has announced its intention to relocate the Ballistic Missile Organization from Norton AFB, in an effort to improve operational efficiency.

WHEREAS, the Air Force has maintained an active facility at March AFB since 1917 and the Ballistic Missile Organization or similar agency at Norton AFB since 1962;

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The resolution was placed into a motion by Weldon Slain, seconded by Neil Corbett and unanimously adopted by Lyle Millage, Neil Corbett, Barbara Siddons, Matt Brey, Mildred Teomans, Donna Franco, Mike Sadberry, Weldon Slain, and Chris Reilly.

A sign up sheet of those who support the resolution was signed by those present and is available to all who wish to support the resolution. The sign up sheet will be included with a letter to the U.S. Secretary of Defense, Richard Cheney.

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For further information please contact:

Michael R. Sadberry
Executive Director/Secretary
Beaumont Chamber of Commerce
450 East 4th Street
P.O. Box 291
Beaumont, CA 92223
(714) 845-9541

Stephen Albright
Chairman
Inland Empire Space Systems
Division Relocation Group
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Riverside, CA 92501-3313
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COALITION
INLAND EMPIRE
CHAMBERS

May 24, 1990

Thomas J. Bartol, Lt. Col. USAF
Director Programs & Environmental Division
Ballistic Missile Support
Norton Air Force Base, Calif. 92409

Re: Ballistic Missile Operation Scoping Session-
San Bernardino, California-- May 24, 1990.

Dear Sir,

The "Coalition of Chambers" is made up of eleven Chambers of Commerce in the Inland Empire consisting of 15,000 Businesses and over 150,000 Business People! We believe that the Inland Empire has been overly impacted by the recent Base Closure Activity with the loss of George and Norton Air Force Bases! San Bernardino County has had more negative impact than any other County in United States and more than most States!

It is within this framework that we take the stand that the Ballistic Missile Organization should remain in San Bernardino! We see this as a twofold effort! BMO should remain at Norton and the Space System Division of the Air Force should be located at March Air Force Base in Riverside. The close proximity of the Space System Division (approximately 20 miles from the existing BMO) would be a reasonable working distance.

The major advantages of these joint measures would be:

1. No further negative impact on San Bernardino County by the loss of BMO.
2. No relocation costs required for the BMO Facility or the people currently employed there.
3. Most of the people currently employed by the Space System Division in El Segundo are in fairly easy commuting range of March Air Force Base which would reduce or eliminate relocation expenses. (Those preferring to relocate would be moving from an area with higher property values in the Los Angeles Basin to an area with significantly lower residential property costs in the Inland Empire.)
4. Both the Space Systems Division and the Ballistic Missile Operation would continue to be in close proximity to the Aerospace Industry in Southern

P.O. Box 3003 - Redlands, CA 923[illegible] (714) 335-7702

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California.

5. March Air Force Base has plenty of land available for development for the project as well as for any foreseeable enlargement possibilities.
6. There is plenty of low and reasonably priced residential property available.
7. There is an exceptionally high grade labor pool available to be tapped.
8. The University of California at Riverside is establishing a School of Engineering which would provide an abundance of local talent.
9. The University of California at Riverside is in the midst of developing a Public/Private sector Research Park which would also attract talent and provide additional resources.

In summary Southern California and specifically the Inland Empire has had more than its' fair share of Base closings and job losses. We also will continue to be negatively impacted in our Aerospace and Defense oriented industries as the Military reduces expenditures. We, the "Coalition of Chambers", believe that under these conditions it is essential the Space Systems Division of the Air Force locate at March Air Force Base and that the Ballistic Missile Operation remain in close proximity at Norton Air Force Base!

Sincerely,

President

cc: Governor George Deukmejian
Senator Alan Cranston
Senator Pete Wilson
Congressman George Brown
Congressman Jerry Lewis
Congressman Al McCandless
Secretary of the Armed Forces Richard Cheney
Assistant Secretary Jim Boatwright

bbc: Steve Albright

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Corona Chamber of Commerce
904 EAST SIXTH STREET CORONA CALIFORNIA 91719
Phone (714) 737-3360 FAX (714) 737-3831

July 24, 1990

The Honorable Dick Cheney
Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-1000

Dear Secretary Cheney:

The Corona Chamber of Commerce strongly supports relocating Air Force Space Systems Division (SSD) to March Air Force Base and keeping the Ballistic Missile Organization (BMO) at Norton Air Force Base.

California will be heavily impacted with base closures already. Moving BMO and SSD out of the state will result in major job loss and will have a considerable impact on our economy.

Moving SSD to March A.F.B. will greatly improve the job/housing balance in Riverside County. Corona is the tip of the funnel for workers commuting to jobs in Orange County. The addition of the new jobs created by relocating SSD to March A.F.B. will help the traffic congestion in Corona and improve the air quality.

Likewise, the relocation of BMO from San Bernardino County would have the reverse affect on their jobs/housing balance, traffic and air quality.

If SSD is to be moved from the Los Angeles Air Force Base we strongly urge you to support the relocation to March A.F.B. and the retention of BMO.

Sincerely,

Ken Calvert
President

KC:bb
cc: Congressman George Brown
Congressman Alfred McCandless

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CORONA GROUP

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August 7, 1990

The Honorable Dick Cheney
Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301-1000

Dear Secretary Cheney:

The Corona Group strongly supports relocating Air Force Space Systems Division (SSD) to March Air Force Base and keeping the Ballistic Missile Organization (BMO) at Norton Air Force Base.

California will be heavily impacted with base closures already. Moving BMO and SSD out of the state will result in major job loss and will have a considerable impact on our economy.

Moving SSD to March A.F.B. will greatly improve the job/housing balance in Riverside County. Corona is the tip of the funnel for workers commuting to jobs in Orange County. The addition of the new jobs created by relocating SSD to March A.F.B. will help the traffic congestion in Corona and improve the air quality.

Likewise, the relocation of BMO from San Bernardino County would have the reverse affect on their jobs/housing balance, traffic and air quality.

If SSD is to be moved from the Los Angeles Air Force Base we strongly urge you to support the relocation to March A.F.B. and the retention of BMO.

Sincerely,

Tom Paradise
President

TP:cl
cc: Congressman George Brown
Congressman Alfred McCandless
Steve Albright
Corona City Council

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Written Comment Sheet

Space Systems Division Relocation Environmental Impact Statement

Thank you for attending this Scoping Meeting. Our purpose for hosting this meeting is to give you an opportunity to assist us in identifying pertinent issues for analysis within the Los Angeles Base Closure / Space Systems Division Relocation Environmental Impact Statement. Please use this sheet to bring to our attention potential Environmental Issues that you feel should be analyzed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce, representing over 1050 member businesses, strongly urge the U.S. Air Force to consider relocating the Space Systems Division to March Air Force Base in Riverside.

We are all aware of the economic and political factors that would result in the loss of our own Ballistic Systems Office at Norton AFB, should the SSD be moved out of state or to Vandenburg AFB.

The closure of Norton AFB is going to have a serious negative impact on the job market in San Bernardino and the surrounding area. The additional loss of 8,0's 2500 jobs will cause a serious situation to get worse.

SAM HENLEY, Executive Vice President
San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce

Name Steve Albright

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Street Address City / State / Zip Code

Please hand this form in or mail to: Director
Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base CA 92409-6448

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The Valley Group

WESTERN VALLEYS GROUP OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY INCORPORATED

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE VALLEY GROUP SUPPORTING THE RELOCATION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION FROM LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE

WHEREAS, the United States Air Force has announced its intention to relocate its Space Systems Division from Los Angeles AFB in an effort to consolidate or function to realize greater efficiency, provide for future expansion, and improve the quality of life for its military and civilian personnel by providing access to affordable housing and reducing commuter time. These efforts should allow the Air Force to achieve its goal of attracting a professional management team for future space systems development. Also, the Air Force has announced its intention to relocate the Ballistic Missile Organization from Norton AFB in an effort to improve operational efficiency.

WHEREAS, the Air Force has maintained an active facility at March AFB since 1917 and the Ballistic Missile Organization or similar agency at Norton AFB since 1962.

WHEREAS, California is a crucial location for the entire Pacific area with respect to supporting all space defense operations.

WHEREAS, the community leaders of Moreno Valley, Riverside, and San Bernardino areas have joined together to relocate the Space Systems Division to March AFB and to keep the Ballistic Missile Organization at Norton AFB. Should the Air Force decide to move the Ballistic Missile Organization, the community leaders agree it should move to March AFB.

WHEREAS, March Air Force Base possesses the necessary physical space, would provide continuity of operations within the Los Angeles Basin, would cause minimal environmental disruptions, has access to adequate and reasonable priced housing, offers easy access to Ontario International Airport, is close to a number of colleges and universities within the Inland Empire, enjoys excellent military-community relations, and has an excellent geographical location with adequate land for base and industrial expansion.

RESOLVED, that The Valley Group respectfully requests the Department of the Air Force to relocate the Space Systems Division from Los Angeles AFB to March AFB, and to keep the Ballistic Missile Organization at Norton AFB, or should it be moved, relocate the Ballistic Missile Organization to March Air Force Base.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of June, 1990.

Robert Wolf, President

A Conference Organization Dedicated to the Economic Advancement of Western Riverside County

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION

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September 18, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt Col Bartol

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AFB, California and Relocation of Space Systems Division.

I would like to specifically respond to 3.4.2.2, Land Use Plans and Policies.

The Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) has elected to prepare a comprehensive land use plan for March AFB. The passage of a new law, SB 255, encouraged this decision. Effective January 1990, the new law requires that the ALUC prepare and adopt comprehensive land use plans for all public use airports in Riverside County. The law also provides the option to prepare a plan for military installations.

Currently, the contract with Ames Commissions for the preparation of the March AFB Land Use Plan is being negotiated. The time frame for preparation and adoption of the plan is approximately eight months from the execution of the contract.

5.6 The March AFB Land Use Plan will promote for the orderly development of the area surrounding the airport within the jurisdiction of the commission. Additionally, it will safeguard the general welfare of the inhabitants within the vicinity of the airport as well as the general public. The land use plan will be prepared and implemented in cooperation with March AFB, Riverside County, and the Cities of Perris, Moreno Valley, and Riverside.

The Airport Land Use Commission supports the proposed relocation of Space Systems Division to March AFB and feels the March AFB Land Use Plan will be compatible with the relocation.

Very truly yours,

Col USAF Ret. Vice Chairman
Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission

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September 19, 1990

LTCol Tom Bartol
Director of Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base, CA 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

I want to let you know that the people at Centennial Hall who spoke out against the Space Systems Division relocating to Colorado Springs definitely do not represent the majority of our community. 15.10

This move would bring high quality growth to our city and greatly enhance our quality of life. All those involved with the Space Systems Division would be warmly welcomed to our community.

Sincerely,

HIGHLAND COMMERCIAL GROUP

Craig N. Fetterolf

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September 17, 1990

LTCol Tom Bartol
Director of Programs & Environmental Division
AFSCE-BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base, CA 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

I am writing regarding the relocation of the Space Systems Division.

In seeing the newsclips from the evening that the hearings were held at Centennial Hall in Colorado Springs, I was concerned that it would leave the impression that there is significant opposition to that relocation in the community of Colorado Springs. I do not believe that to be the case. I suspect that the same people who appeared as anti-military at that meeting, would appear as anti-growth at another meeting. They are definitely in the minority in Colorado Springs.

As I am sure you know from the time you spent in the local area, that Colorado Springs is extremely supportive of the military, and we realize how important a component of the community that the military is. I think if you were to talk with the staff at USAFA, Peterson Field or Fort Carson who are responsible for the interaction with the community, that they would all tell you that there is a very favorable environment. The bulk of the citizens in Colorado Springs are very much interested in quality growth, and the Space Systems Division would certainly constitute very high quality growth for the community of Colorado Springs.

I am confident that Colorado Springs can absorb the type of growth which the Space Systems Division would cause, because the infrastructure has been in place for the last few years to accommodate significant growth. In addition, I am confident that the city would be very receptive to the growth which the Space Systems Division would bring to Colorado Springs and that the military and civilian personnel who would be moving here would find a very warm welcome.

15.10 I know I speak for the majority of residents in saying that we would welcome the Space Systems Division to Colorado Springs, and we would be more than happy to display that attitude in whatever ways deemed to be most effective.

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Please let us know if we can supply you with any additional information or give you any additional help.

Sincerely,

HIGHLAND COMMERCIAL GROUP

James E. Spittler, Jr.
Partner

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CRISSEY FOWLER LUMBER

September 19, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFSCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

15.10 I strongly support the potential SSD relocation to Peterson Air Force Base. For many decades, Colorado Springs has had a very amicable relationship with Peterson AFB, NORAD and the USAF Academy. Falcon AFB has more recently become another valued community partner.

Having lived here almost 40 years, I feel the overall quality of life is superior to any other community I have ever visited. Many military personnel seem to echo that feeling, as they return here to live upon retirement. Reasonably priced, quality housing is readily available, and with our current transportation infrastructure, commuting times to anywhere in the City are just a few minutes.

Your relocation to Colorado Springs would be a proud addition to our community, and I am sure it would be a very positive decision for the Air Force.

Sincerely,

CRISSEY FOWLER LUMBER COMPANY

Kenneth W. Brosh
President

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WILLIAM B. TUTT
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

September 18, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFSCE-BMS/DEP
Norton, AFB, CA. 92409-6448

Dear Col. Bartol:

As a fourth generation Coloradan and one who has been civically active and publicly supportive of our military community over the years, it is a pleasure for me to endorse Colorado Springs' effort to relocate the Space Systems Division to our community. 15.10

In the past, my family was instrumental in bringing Ft. Carson, the Air Force Academy, and the NORAD Headquarters to our city and it is with the same commitment and enthusiasm that all of us share in the current effort to assist in your decision to relocate SSD. Colorado Springs has a proven track record of support for the military and I can assure you this support will not diminish, but will be enhanced by your decision.

We stand ready to assist your effort as necessary and to assure you that Colorado Springs not only has the will and the desire to welcome your prestigious military operation, but it also has the capability to do so. Our extraordinary lifestyle here at the foot of Pikes Peak is sweetened by inexpensive housing, reasonable utility rates, quality education, and short commutes.

We know we will be a good home for this important Air Force mission and thank you for the opportunity. Should my office be able to assist you in any way, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

William B. Tutt

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September 19, 1990

LTCol Tom Bartol
Director of Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
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Dear Colonel Bartol:

15.10 The Space Systems Division would be most welcome to the city of Colorado Springs. The opinions expressed at Centennial Hall definitely do not represent those opinions held by the majority of our community.

This move would provide significant, high quality growth to our city, and would not have any negative impact environmentally.

Sincerely,

HIGHLAND COMMERCIAL GROUP

Steven E. Suggs

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September 19, 1990

LTCol Tom Bartol
Director of Programs & Environmental Division
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Dear Colonel Bartol:

Contrary to some of the speakers who spoke in Centennial Hall regarding the relocation of Space Systems Division, I want to assure you that the city of Colorado Springs would welcome Space Systems Division with open arms. 15.10

We think that they would enhance the quality of life in Colorado Springs and would not have any negative impact environmentally.

Sincerely,

HIGHLAND COMMERCIAL GROUP

Ronald E. McNeill [illegible]

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September 21, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
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Dear Colonel Bartol:

On behalf of the City of Colorado Springs, I wish to file comments for the record pertaining to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AFB, California and Relocation of Space Systems Division.

First, I want to express my appreciation to the Air Force generally and your office particularly for a thorough and professional job in putting together such a comprehensive and, for the most part, authoritative Draft EIS (DEIS). Also, a representative of the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce who attended all the DEIS hearings has remarked favorably on the professionalism and diplomacy with which each was conducted. I would have expected nothing less, but I congratulate you nonetheless.

A reading of the transcripts will reveal that the environmental impact hearing held in Colorado Springs on September 5, 1990, differed substantially from the others in that the discussion actually centered on environmental issues! This was not accidental. The community leadership assumed that the Air Force did not need to be instructed at length about the local economic advantages of transferring or creating 18,000 jobs.

Instead, we took literally your injunction that the focus of the hearings should be on impact to the physical environment and decided not to deploy a long procession of speakers to belabor the obvious economic benefits of bringing the Space Systems Division (SSD) to Colorado Springs. There is clearly a connection between a community's economic well-being and quality of life, but our massive community support for this move will be expressed in other ways and in other appropriate forums.

The September 5 hearing demonstrated the rich diversity of viewpoint and expression that is characteristic of this part of the country. The pride in Colorado's quality of life and a determination to protect it came through very clearly in the comments by several speakers. I think it would be useful to put those comments into perspective.

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Those who registered environmental concerns about the proposed move fell into three categories. The first were citizens who have open minds, but also many questions about the possible environmental consequences of an influx of this magnitude. When it can be demonstrated convincingly--as I believe your final EIS will do--that the environmental impacts will be minimal and that our water, air, traffic and other quality-of-life attributes will be protected, the majority of these people will accept the evidence and welcome our new citizens to Colorado Springs.

The second category of comment attempted to sound similar, but was actually anti-military sentiment camouflaged as environmental concern. No amount of scientific evidence will answer the environmental arguments of this group, because their unstated premise is that it is the military, itself, which is the intolerable environmental pollution.

The third group is similarly impervious to scientific evidence, but differs from the second in that they resist any substantial growth, military or civilian. They oppose the prospect of SSD's transfer to Colorado Springs because it would violate their dogma that any expansion would upset the delicate environmental balance which seems to be poised at the absolute limit of equilibrium at the present population level.

The first category represents the mainstream view of Colorado Springs' environmentally aware citizens; the other two definitely do not. The latter groups' views deserve to be heard and weighed, as your panel did so patiently earlier this month, but I urge you to concentrate on the genuine environmental issues and the measures that the Air Force, state and local agencies can and will take to minimize any possible undesirable impact.

Turning now to the DEIS, itself, I wish to correct a few errors in fact or in content in order to improve the accuracy and utility of the final EIS as a tool for Air Force decision-makers. Some of these items were covered orally during the hearing, but a compilation of the most important issues, from our perspective, might simplify your analysis.

Site Selection

Two important changes should be reflected in the final EIS. First, it is our understanding that the Air Force plans to drop Falcon AFB from consideration as a potential relocation site. This action would be consistent with the finding of an overdrafted aquifer and would eliminate water as an environmentally limiting factor if SSD were to move to Colorado Springs. 3.23

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3.24 Second, there is a substantial discrepancy between the boundaries of Peterson AFB Site 3 as displayed in the DEIS and those originally agreed between the city and the Air Force. This discrepancy is especially significant because the prehistoric campfire rings cited in the DEIS are located outside the boundary of Site 3 as we envision it. I strongly urge that your DEIS contractor meet with the Peterson AFB Civil Engineer and appropriate Colorado Springs engineers to resolve this issue in order that the spurious cultural impact can be removed from the analysis.

Air Quality

While we generally agree with the analysis and conclusions pertaining to air quality, there are several technical discrepancies that should be corrected. Your contractor should contact Joseph J. Hammond of our Environmental Services Division for a detailed summary of these errors.

11.13 A large concern relates to what we regard as a questionable conclusion about the long-term air quality impact. The DEIS concludes that the impact would be significant and that the project could result in a delay of CO attainment status in El Paso County. It appears this conclusion is based on analyzing the increase in traffic on the one-hour carbon monoxide standard. In the past ten years of monitoring in Colorado Springs, there has NEVER been an exceedance of the one-hour standard. Moreover, there has not been an eight-hour standard violation since January, 1989. Therefore, while the DEIS is technically accurate in stating that Colorado Springs is in nonattainment, in fact, we have been in attainment for the last nine consecutive quarters and could officially file for attainment status in our next State Implementation Plan (SIP).

11.14 Additionally, all the maximum CO concentrations have been recorded in the I-25 corridor along the Fountain/Monument Creek airshed. The maximum concentrations on the eastern side of Colorado Springs near Peterson AFB would be much less. Besides, the population and traffic increases proposed from this project are within the estimates accounted for in our SIP. Obviously, peak traffic estimates would result in elevated CO concentrations at the Marksheffel and US 94 intersection at morning and afternoon travel times from the base. However, our experts believe it is unlikely to result in violations over an eight-hour average, which has been our main concern in Colorado Springs.

In summary, a narrowly accurate statement produces a highly misleading conclusion because of the absence of the above

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context. I ask that you incorporate the above facts into your analysis and modify the language of your conclusions accordingly.

Water Resources

As with air quality, we have noted several minor discrepancies regarding sources, demand levels, projections, etc. Phillip H. Tollefson of our Department of Water would be happy to furnish your office with corrected figures. The most significant error is in paragraph 3.9.4.1 does not fully take into account planned and projected increases in capacity. This paragraph should be revised to reflect that average daily demand is projected to increase to 49 percent of the system's treatment capacity in 1994 and 50 percent in 1997 (rather than 46 percent and 48 percent, respectively, as it reads now). 7.9

Transportation: Road Traffic

We believe the description of future traffic conditions at Peterson AFB seriously overstates the true impact. The discrepancy appears to stem from an incomplete analysis of specific highway actions that the city and the base are already committed to take regardless of the decision on relocating SSD. Among these are: 6.19

Improving Powers Boulevard to a multi-lane facility from Platte Avenue (US 24) to Drennan Road with improved capacity and access for Peterson AFB. Scheduled completion: 1993.

Completing the US 24 Bypass between Powers and I-25. Scheduled completion: 1993.

Relocating Colorado Highway 94 traffic away from the Peterson AFB-Northgate problem area and providing new capacity by the multi-lane realignment project from Peterson Boulevard through Marksheffel Road. Scheduled completion: 1996, but possible acceleration to 1993 with advanced funding.

Constructing interchange at Powers and Stewart (West Gate of Peterson AFB). Project submitted for funding by Air Force.

Note that these are not "maybe" projects. These improvements were planned and, in two cases, funded well before the SSD relocation became a consideration. According to our analysis, these actions will produce an acceptable level of traffic service rather than demonstration "F" levels of service as the DEIS narrative and tables assert. James H. Houck, the City Traffic

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Engineer, is available to provide any additional details you may need to correct your estimate for the final EIS.

Evenhanded Narrative

15.19 A number of people have expressed some concern to me that DEIS language and figures appear to be slanted in favor of one or the other candidate sites. I am convinced that this imbalance was unintentional, probably the result of different people working on different sections and using slightly different interpretations of parameters or even different writing styles. Nonetheless, this occasional lack of uniformity does tend to undermine the objectivity of the report. For example, the section on housing costs in one locale uses average costs and in another locale cites median costs. I won't attempt to detail all the examples, but would strongly recommend that a single editor proofread the final document for consistency, standardized treatment and total objectivity in both fact and appearance.

Finally, let me express my admiration for the overall quality of the job you have done in producing a document of such scope and complexity. It is a massive undertaking and the Air Force is to be congratulated for the high standards of analysis. Except where noted, the majority of the discrepancies were minor and will have little or no bearing on the conclusions. The few substantive errors are easily correctable with more complete information and analysis. I appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments for the record and I look forward to seeing the final EIS when it is published.

Sincerely,

Kenneth E. Hancock
City Manager

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A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RELOCATION OF
AIR FORCE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION
TO COLORADO SPRINGS

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has become a primary contributor to the development and production of space systems, components and technologies and has evidenced its desire to further develop this support by establishing the Office of Space Advocacy and a Space Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs, El Paso County and their citizens have developed a strong, supportive and productive relationship with the various military commands located in the Colorado Springs metropolitan area including, in particular, the Air Force Space Command and related support groups; and

WHEREAS, the United States Army and Air Force Space Commands located in Colorado Springs serve strategic and vital national defense interests of the United States and its allies; and

WHEREAS, the presence of the Air Force Space Command, its Pacer Frontier program and the transfer of military launch control to Air Force Space Command provides a logical, strategic and economic basis for relocation of the Air Force Space Systems Division to Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that the relocation of Space Systems Division to Colorado Springs would best serve the national interests as the United States moves into a new era of reliance on space initiatives, changing global defense postures and growing national budgetary constraints.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

That it fully supports the proposed relocation of Air Force Space Systems Division and respectfully calls upon the Air Force to recommend such relocation to Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colorado and, in the event of such recommendation, calls upon the Department of Defense, the Executive Branch and Congress to approve such relocation.

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That the City of Colorado Springs pledges its full and continued support to the military personnel, installations, programs and related civilian defense contractors located in Colorado Springs now and in the future.

That the City of Colorado Springs shall enthusiastically support, to the fullest extent permitted by its Charter and state law, the efforts of the citizens and business community of Colorado Springs in promoting and assisting the relocation of Space Systems Division to Colorado.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 11th day of September 1990.

Robert M. Isaac, Mayor

Leon Young, Vice Mayor

Wayne D. Fisher

Mary Lou Makepeace

Mary Ellen McNally

Frank J. Parisi

Randall W.B. Purvis

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David S. White

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September 21, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Morton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Subject: Comments to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AFB, California, and Relocation of Space Systems Division

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

The Inland Empire Space Systems Division Relocation Group is pleased to offer comments on the above referenced project. Our Group has closely monitored the environmental review process for this project. We are very complimentary of the thoroughness of the United States Air Force in assuring that a complete public input responds to all potential concerns.

The testimony offered below summarizes statements made by our Group during the public hearings process. Supporting documentation by experts in the areas discussed in this summary are either included with this letter or have been forwarded separately.

Our comments relate only to those portions of the DEIS which propose relocation of the SSD to March Air Force Base.

Quality of Life

In 1.1 of the DEIS, the reason for the proposed action is "based on a number of operational and quality of life issues. Among these are housing costs and commuting times." Cost of living is another important consideration as "government civilian employees cannot be compensated adequately to work in the area under existing pay plans. As a result, military and civilian employees suffer financial hardships in comparison to their peers assigned to other locations. This has created difficulties in retaining and filling many civilian positions at Los Angeles Air Force Base, particularly in lower pay grades."

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Director, Programs and Environmental Division
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It is our goal to demonstrate that these difficult problems can be remedied by relocating the Spaces Systems Division to March Air Force Base.

The American Chamber of Commerce Research Association performs a quarterly cost of living analysis for major cities and urban areas in the United States. The most recent published report is for the Fourth Quarter, 1989. Examples of applicable comparisons are detailed below:

	Los Angeles	Riverside/San Bernardino
Cost of Living Index	129.2	113.4
Housing Index	210.2	141.7
Health Care Index	130.6	120.2
National Average	100.0	100.0

5.10

Housing cost and availability is a key issue. The availability of more affordable housing in nearby communities, combined with on-base housing at March AFB, act to drastically reduce commute times from the up to 4 hours per day for current employees at the El Segundo facility.

Additional housing cost figures, an available labor force profile, commuting patterns, and other quality of life factors are covered in detail elsewhere in this letter.

Included are several local City and Chamber of Commerce publications which detail the "Quality of Life" advantages of the communities nearby March Air Force Base and the publication entitled "Aim High - Choose March" (Enclosure 1).

Air Quality

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is responsible for air quality monitoring and regulatory programs for Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and the non-desert portion of San Bernardino County. Included are comments from the SCAQMD which respond to the air quality discussion in the DEIS (Enclosure 2)

15.15

In 4.4.8 of the DEIS, the report states that there will be significant negative air quality impacts as a result of the proposed relocation to March AFB. This is an incorrect

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statement, and to the contrary the SCAQMD testimony clarifies the potential positive impacts on air quality. The SCAQMD testimony also outlines reasonable mitigation actions which should be considered if the SSD relocates to March AFB.

15.15

Transportation

Adequate planning and financing for transportation facilities in a growing area is vital to a successful local economy. In the Inland Empire, long range planning for transportation facilities is done by the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) and the San Bernardino Association of Governments (SANBAG).

Extensive testimony has already been offered for the public record by RCTC. In summary, that testimony outlines the plans for the following:

- freeway (I-215) and interchange improvements planned and funded near March Air Force Base, including the time frame for construction;
- the applicability of a Countywide one-half cent sales tax for transportation improvements in both Riverside and San Bernardino Counties;
- the distribution of one-half cent sales tax funds to local communities that will be used for street and roadway improvements, including those nearby and adjacent to March Air Force Base. In 4.4.3.1, it is stated that "to relieve congestion along Cactus Avenue, the access road to site one would need to be expanded to four lanes." This is the type of project that could be funded with sales tax dollars;
- and the priority that will be given to the provision of a light rail system for commuters and to other mass transit expenditures.

6.20

In relation to the DEIS, it is in error to say (4.4.3.2) that the relocation of the SSD to March AFB (Alternative One) would bring the local streets to an unacceptable level of service (LOS). Service improvements are planned already, and it is key to note that funding necessary to implement these improvements is available.

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Additional factual transportation testimony is included in the document, "Aim High - Choose March." Testimony entered by the Riverside County Transportation Commission is included with this letter (Enclosure 1).

Commercial Air Passenger Service

According to of the DEIS, accessibility to a major commercial airport is key to the successful mission of the Space Systems Division.

March Air Force Base is within a one-half hour drive of Ontario International Airport. This Airport has seen tremendous expansion of commercial flights in recent years, yet it is still relatively uncrowded and very accessible. As a major hub providing direct and connecting flights to all major cities in the United States, the Airport can easily handle the projected needs of the SSD's employees and its visitors.

6.22 March AFB is also within one hour of the Palm Springs Airport (east) and the John Wayne Airport (southwest in Orange County).

Commercial Air Freight Service

Freight services are concentrated at Ontario International Airport. Four major air freight services - United Parcel Service (UPS), Federal Express, Emery Worldwide, and Airborne - all fly from Ontario and offer overnight services to locations throughout the United States.

Ontario is also the West Coast hub distribution site for United Parcel Service. UPS has significant expansion plans for its Ontario location that will offer even better service in the near future.

Endangered Species

13.6 The DEIS (4.4.10.1) states that "the proposed action would have a significant adverse impact on the Stephens Kangaroo Rat." Potential impacts on endangered species in the area may occur if the SSD relocates to one of three alternative locations on March AFB. Only one of the three potential

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sites appears to be identified habitat area for the endangered species, and therefore the discussion with regard to mitigation efforts should be isolated only to this alternative site option.

The DEIS does not address itself to local actions already being taken to mitigate the impacts of development on the endangered species, notably the Stephens Kangaroo Rat (SKR).

The DEIS also does not discuss the process that is required by a governmental jurisdiction to address and mitigate any impacts from a project on an identified endangered species or its habitat. As stated, the DEIS also does not recognize innovative mitigation efforts already underway. The Inland Empire SSD Relocation Group requests that these processes, efforts, and accomplishments to date be taken under consideration. 13.2

The Group is confident that impacts on this endangered species can be, or are already being, mitigated with a responsible habitat conservation plan. It is also our understanding that March Air Force Base is currently negotiating a plan that would preserve habitat area for the SKR and other species of special concern with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Base proposal would set aside sufficient acreage (which is suitable and available) for habitat reserve.

This issue is being aggressively addressed, and the potential impacts will be mitigated.

Testimony offered by Mr. Bob Weiss, Assistant City Manager for the City of Riverside, which addresses work already underway to mitigate impacts on the endangered species and its habitat is included with this letter (Enclosure 4).

Water

The provision of adequate water supplies (both in quality and quantity) can be accommodated at the March AFB site(s) and at support development that is anticipated to occur off-site. The DEIS did not identify any extraordinary needs for water quantity or wastewater treatment. Therefore, the statement assuring adequate water supplies and wastewater treatment capabilities assumes that only domestic uses will be required.

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San Bernardino County	139,186	
Zone 7 (San Bernardino)	110,184	-
Zone 8 (Redlands/Yucaipa)	152,279	-
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Commercial Air Passenger Service

According to of the DEIS, accessibility to a major commercial airport is key to the successful mission of the Space Systems Division.

March Air Force Base is within a one-half hour drive of Ontario International Airport. This Airport has seen tremendous expansion of commercial flights in recent years, yet it is still relatively uncrowded and very accessible. As a major hub providing direct and connecting flights to all major cities in the United States, the Airport can easily handle the projected needs of the SSD's employees and its visitors.

6.22 March AFB is also within one hour of the Palm Springs Airport (east) and the John Wayne Airport (southwest in Orange County).

Commercial Air Freight Service

Freight services are concentrated at Ontario International Airport. Four major air freight services - United Parcel Service (UPS), Federal Express, Emery Worldwide, and Airborne - all fly from Ontario and offer overnight services to locations throughout the United States.

Ontario is also the West Coast hub distribution site for United Parcel Service. UPS has significant expansion plans for its Ontario location that will offer even better service in the near future.

Endangered Species

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The DEIS does not address itself to local actions already being taken to mitigate the impacts of development on the endangered species, notably the Stephens Kangaroo Rat (SKR).

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The Group is confident that impacts on this endangered species can be, or are already being, mitigated with a responsible habitat conservation plan. It is also our understanding that March Air Force Base is currently negotiating a plan that would preserve habitat area for the SKR and other species of special concern with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Base proposal would set aside sufficient acreage (which is suitable and available) for habitat reserve.

This issue is being aggressively addressed, and the potential impacts will be mitigated.

Testimony offered by Mr. Bob Wales, Assistant City Manager for the City of Riverside, which addresses work already underway to mitigate impacts on the endangered species and its habitat is included with this letter (Enclosure 4).

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an addition 582 units on base, which will be financed by the private sector, at the same low cost to the military personnel.

The DEIS states in 1.1. that "employees at Los Angeles AFB and most military personnel not in base housing are subjected to inflated housing costs." The housing costs indicated in the charts above directly address a major problem identified by the USAF in its announcement to consider a relocation of the Space Systems Division.

Housing Availability

4.10 One of the strengths of the Inland Empire is its availability of ample and affordable housing. New housing developments, both multi-family apartment units and single family for-sale units, are being built throughout the Inland Empire region. Employees of the SSD and its supporting operations can be assured of finding quality housing at locations that will minimize their required commuting time.

The following chart indicates the increasing supply of available housing units in the Inland Empire:

	TOTAL	Single Family	Multi-Family	Units Occupied	% Vacant
1980	665,224	476,479	119,733	551,610	17.14
1985	771,004	538,888	147,397	642,272	16.79
1990	1,020,253	697,309	221,007	868,297	15.04

Source: California Department of Finance
Demographic Research Unit, 5/90

In addition to the recent history of new housing construction, areawide real estate housing developers have in varied planning stages additional new housing development that will continue this trend. Specifically, areas with planned development and master planned communities include Moreno Valley, Perris, Banning and Beaumont, Temecula, and unincorporated areas of Riverside County.

Affordable family units in multi family developments, condominiums, and mobile home communities are also conveniently located nearby March AFB. These developments are being constructed with the same care and quality as the new single family developments.

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Labor Force

The DEIS in 2.2.2 estimates that 20% of the employees related to the Space Systems Division relocation will be hired locally. The work force in the Inland Empire will easily be able to accommodate these needs with skilled individuals who would find the new local job opportunities to be very desirable. Many of these individuals have relative backgrounds and training through current association with the aerospace and support industries. 4.19

The official labor force demographics for the Inland Empire are published by the State of California's Employment Development Department. The most recent statistics available are for May, 1990 (Enclosure 5).

Infrastructure Planning

Due to the Base Closure Act of 1988, March AFB is already projected to undergo a significant number of base improvement projects. These projects are planned to accommodate missions which are already being moved form Norton AFB to March AFB. This transition creates opportunity for additional cost savings if the SSD relocates from Los Angeles AFB to March AFB.

Already funded in this transition are the following capital improvement programs which could also act to accommodate SSD functions and personnel: 3.25

Upgrade Utilities	$ 14.6 Million
Road Improvements	2.0 Million
Commissary Expansion	19.0 Million
Base Exchange Expansion	11.0 Million
Hospital Expansion	27.4 Million
Administrative Aircraft Support	1.4 Million
Vehicle Maintenance Facility	5.7 Million
Audio Visual Service Facility	22.0 Million
Personnel Facility Expansion	2.3 Million
Child Development Center Expansion	1.8 Million
New Traffic Management Office	1.6 Million

If these costs were not already being funded at March, then they would have to be assumed elsewhere. As taxpayers and in consideration of required reductions in military spending, it is to our benefit to take the most possible advantage of these already funded investments.

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Nearby Land/Buildings for Planned for Development

It is clearly understood that the relocation of the Space Systems Division to March AFB would have impacts on the local economy. These economic impacts would occur to local businesses, city and county governments, and nearby land owners.

The communities adjacent to March Air Force Base have adequately planned for growth, and they would be able to accommodate the influx of people and business that would surely result from the relocation.

The provision of necessary urban services, i.e. sewer and water, police and fire protection, streets and highways, etc., are discussed elsewhere in this letter and additionally by comment/testimony already received by the Air Force.

The availability of land for support development adjacent to and nearby March AFB is an important asset to this location. As is stated in 3.4.2.3 of the DEIS, "this area is planned for commercial, industrial, and office uses." There are numerous developments already approved with land use entitlements that would satisfy the needs for land and buildings for support services. 15.10

Incentives

Riverside County, individual cities and their redevelopment agencies, and some private landowners are prepared to offer financial incentives and financial participation to the required development of housing and related commercial/industrial facilities.

Fact, whatever state assistance is made available to lower housing costs in the Los Angeles area will be equally available to the Inland Empire in support of employees at March AFB. Housing subsidies could ultimately take many forms including mortgage banding programs at reduced interest rates, mortgage programs targeted to assist first-time buyers, tax-exempt bond financing for the construction of single and multi-family housing developments, and programs that would act to reduce the cost of land to the housing developer.

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Local jurisdictions also have the ability to create programs that will support the construction of affordable housing. For example, redevelopment agencies are required to set aside 20% of redevelopment tax increment dollars for housing programs for low and moderate income families. Riverside County and many of its cities have been aggressive in using mortgage bond financing to assist in the construction of multi-family housing projects. A number of the cities adjacent to March AFB have established low interest loan programs for the improvement of existing housing units. And the local communities actively cooperate with housing developers through development agreements that permit the long range development of master planned communities whereby they may share in the development of required infrastructure.

The County and the local cities are also strong supporters of incentive programs that assist in the construction of commercial and industrial developments and businesses. Several programs are outlined below:

Redevelopment Project Areas. The cities of Riverside, Moreno Valley, Perris, Corona, and Riverside County have active redevelopment project areas. In a project area, the local agency has the authority to participate financially in the development of businesses where increased tax base is created. This participation acts to reduce costs to the private developer, which can then be passed along to owners and tenants. Several redevelopment projects are adjacent to March AFB, including the Sycamore Canyon Project in Riverside and the Edgemont project area and the Oleander Industrial Park in Moreno Valley. 15.10

State and Local Enterprise Zones. Enterprise zones are created to offer tax incentives to businesses which create new jobs in designated areas. Existing nearby Enterprise Zones are in Riverside, Riverside County, San Bernardino County, Rialto, Colton, and a proposed zone in Moreno Valley.

Low Interest Loan Programs. Cities and counties frequently establish low interest loan programs to assist in the creation of new jobs and business development. These programs (3-6% interest rates) now exist through Riverside County's Economic Development Agency, the City of Riverside's Development Department, and the City of Moreno Valley's Economic Development Department.

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Tax Exempt Industrial Bond Financing. Riverside County has been the leader in the State of California in the use of tax-exempt bond financing for eligible industrial development projects. The County has established bond pools (where several applicants can share financing costs), and it has consistently received a large share of this type of financing that can be authorized at the state level.

Assessment District Bond Financing. This financing for infrastructure improvements is often critical to the successful development of large-scale projects. Specifically, Mello-Roos bond financing in California is available to public service projects, such as drainage projects, new schools, fire stations, libraries, etc.

Economic Considerations

3.26

It is the opinion of the Inland Empire SSD Relocation Group that relocating the SSD to March Air Force Base (Alternative One) or partially relocating the SSD (Alternative Five) would result in a significant cost savings to the United States Air Force.

This cost savings could occur and at the same time substantially improve the quality of life for civilian and Air Force employees.

In reviewing the potential cost savings, the Inland Empire SSD Relocation Group has prepared cost analysis of Alternatives One, Four, and Five. The data needed to prepare the analysis was from the following sources:

- space requirements for the SSD as reported in the DEIS;
- the potential land sale of SSD facilities as reported in the DEIS;
- infrastructure costs, i.e. sewer and water extensions, roads, etc., based on local area development estimates plus inflation factors provided by the USAF for 1993;
- costing data for new construction as reported in the Headquarters USAF Annual Construction Pricing Guide for FY 90-94 Military Construction Program, April, 1988.

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- estimated values of land and facilities of the vacated SSD facilities in El Segundo based on conservative estimates from professional real estate brokers in the area;
- estimated employee relocation (moving) costs as based on averages from USAF sources.

3.26

In short, the estimated cost savings to the USAF in the first year of the relocation are as follows:

Alternative One	$ 491.4 Million
Alternative Four	$ 254.4 Million
Alternative Five	$ 365.1 Million

This analysis of estimated cost savings is included with this letter (Enclosure 6).

March Air Force Base

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The final advantage to relocating the Space Systems Division to March Air Force Base is the base itself. The communities surrounding the base have an impressive history of support, and they would offer a warm welcome to the SSD.

March AFB offers ample land to accommodate the needs of the SSD, the Aerospace Corporation, and military family housing units. It also offers the on-base amenities that are so important to the quality of life needs of civilian and military personnel.

These quality of life amenities are essential in allowing the Air Force to achieve its goal of producing a professional management team for future space systems development.

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15.10

The Inland Empire Space Systems Division Relocation Group has appreciated the opportunity to work with the USAF on this important project. It is important to the economic well-being of our region. Our supporters are likewise convinced that locating the Space Systems Division to March AFB would be a positive move in helping the USAF to achieve its vital space mission.

Sincerely,

Stephen Albright, Chairman
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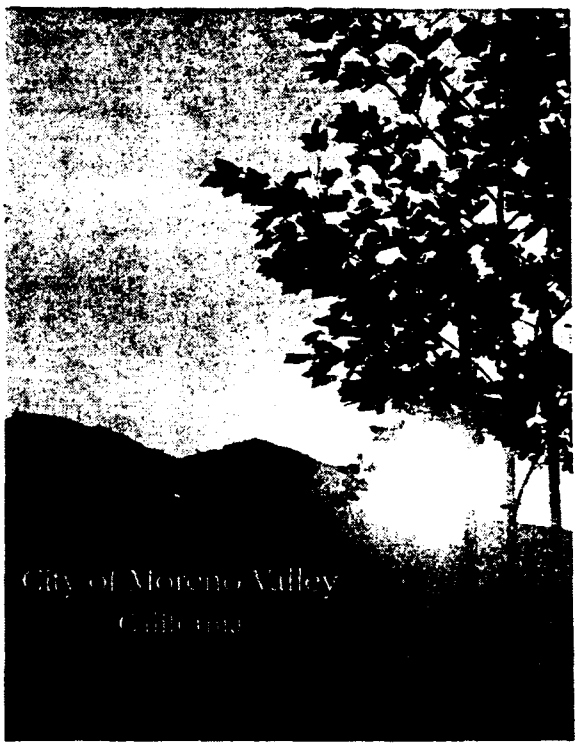


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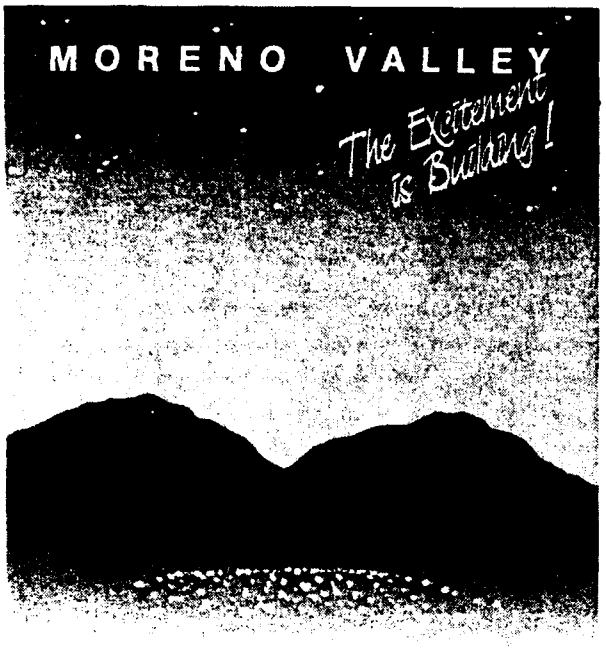
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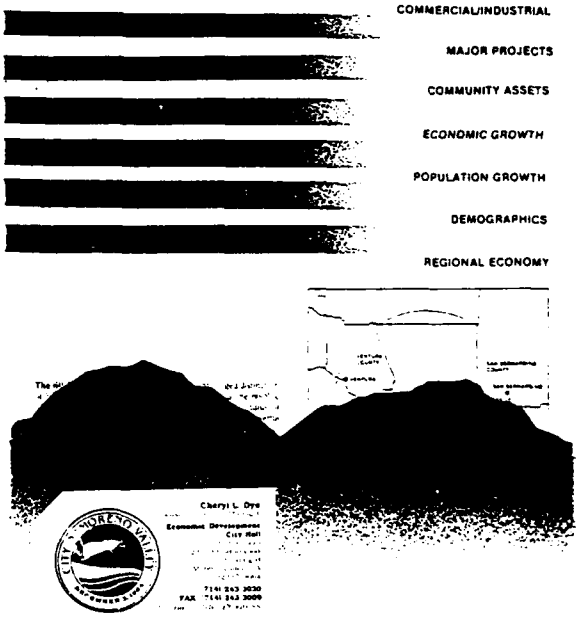
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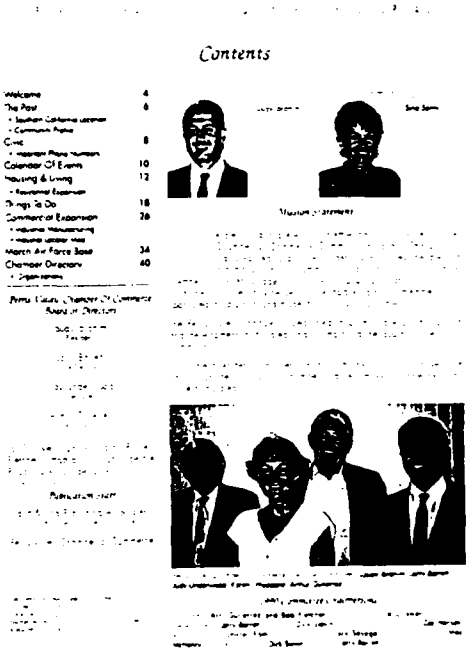
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COMMENTS FOR THE
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AS A RESULT OF THE EFFORTS MADE IN THIS AREA, I BELIEVE THAT THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION CAN BE RELOCATED TO MARCH AIR FORCE BASE WITHOUT UNDUE CONCERN REGARDING THIS PARTICULAR MATTER AND I ADD

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MY VOICE TO THOSE WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY SPOKEN STRONGLY URGING YOU TO CONSIDER THIS ALTERNATIVE.

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LABOR MARKET BULLETIN

RIVERSIDE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT AND CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES May 1990

The following estimates are prepared and released monthly. Quarterly summaries of data, and analyses of labor market trends and developments and other information on industries and occupations significant in the area are published in the quarterly Labor Market Bulletin.

TABLE I: LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment	May-90	Apr-90	Mar-90	May-89
Civilian Labor Force a/	1,040,000	1,040,000	1,032,300	1,013,000
Employment	981,900	980,000	979,000	995,000
Unemployment	58,000	60,000	52,000	58,100
Unemployment Rate (%) b/	5.3	5.8	5.1	5.7

a/ Labor force is by place of residence. Employment includes persons involved in labor/management disputes. Data revised to March 1990 benchmark.
b/ The unemployment rate is calculated from unrounded data. Therefore, it may differ from rates using the rounded figures in this table.
* Confirm month preliminary, past months revised.

NOTE: BECAUSE OF A CHANGE IN METHODS, CURRENT LABOR FORCE DATA (NOVEMBER 1989 FORWARD) ARE AGAIN COMPARABLE TO THE DATA FOR JANUARY 1988 THROUGH MARCH 1988. HOWEVER, THESE DATA ARE NOT STRICTLY COMPARABLE TO THE DATA FOR APRIL 1988 THROUGH OCTOBER 1989.

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TABLE II. WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT, BY INDUSTRY
RIVERSIDE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES
(In thousands)

Industry	May-90	Apr-90	Mar-90	May-89
Total, all industries 1/	741.5	736.0	738.4	704.0
Agriculture, forestry, fisheries	28.5	28.0	22.4	23.4
Nonagricultural total	713	714.0	713.0	678.6
Goods Producing Industries	156.8	156.0	157.5	152.0
Mining	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.4
Construction	68.2	67.5	67.2	63.6
Manufacturing - total	86.2	89.1	88.9	87.0
Durable goods	61.1	61.2	60.9	61.2
Wood and furniture	11.4	11.5	11.5	11.2
Stone, clay, and glass products	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.2
Primary metals	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.6
Fabricated metals	7.8	7.7	7.7	8.0
Nonelectrical machinery	5	5.0	5.0	5.0
Electrical machinery	5	5.0	5.0	4.6
Transportation equipment	14.8	14.9	14.8	16.6
A/C, missiles, space vehicles	9.7	9.7	9.8	11.1
Miscellaneous durable goods	5	5.0	4.9	4.7
Nondurable goods	26.1	27.9	28.0	25.8
Food and kindred products	5.3	5.4	5.3	5.0
Apparel	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.0
Printing and publishing	8	7.9	7.9	7.9
Chemicals	3	3.0	3.0	2.9
Miscellaneous nondurable goods	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.3
Service Producing Industries	560.2	558.0	555.4	525.6
Transportation and public utilities	33.7	33.8	33.5	32.5
Transportation	19.8	19.8	19.8	19.0
Communications & Electric/sanit.	13.9	13.9	14.0	14.0
Wholesale trade	26.6	26.3	26.3	26.1
Retail trade	146.4	146.7	146.6	141.5
Finance, insurance and real estate	29.8	29.6	29.6	28.5
Finance	14.8	14.8	14.8	14.2
Insurance, real estate, others	15.3	15.1	15.1	14.3
Services	160	159.7	160.3	150.7
Government 2/	157.7	156.2	148.9	136.4
Federal	23.4	21.8	20.8	20.8
State and local	134.3	134.3	128.0	115.6
County	23.3	23.1	22.8	21.2
City	12.7	12.6	12.4	11.7
Other State and local	98.3	98.6	92.8	82.8
High Technology Manufacturing sub-total 3/	13.4	13.4	13.4	14.8

1/ Employment is reported by place of work and includes self employed, unpaid family workers and workers involved in labor disputes. Data are benchmarked to March 1988.
2/ Includes all civilian government employees regardless of activity in which engaged.
3/ High Technology Manufacturing industry (1987 Edition SIC): 357 Computer and Office; 366-7 Communications Equipment/Electronic Equipment; 372 Aircraft; 376 Missiles/Space Vehicles; 381 Search and Navigation; 382 Measuring and Controlling Instruments.
4/ Totals may not add due to independent rounding.

NOTE: CURRENT MONTH PRELIMINARY, PAST MONTHS REVISED.

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SCHEDULE 1

RELOCATION PER ALTERNATE #1

Housing Units:

Land 6,500 s.f. per D.U. including 5,000 lot and ½ of 60 foot street right of way
6,500 X 1,202 = 180 AC¹

Access Roads etc.
15% of 180 AC¹ = 27 AC¹

TOTAL 207 AC¹

TOTAL COST 9

Infrastructure: (Based on Frontage)

Roads: 50' curb and gutter	$ 500.00	
50' paving	53,000.00	
50' drainage	$ 500.00	
	$4,000.00	
1,202 X $4,000.00		$ 4,808,000.00
Sewer: 50' per D.U.		
50 X $60.00 X 1,202		$ 3,606,000.00
Water: 50' per D.U.		
50 X $70.00 X 1,202		$ 4,207,000.00
Gas: 50' per D.U.		
50 X $ 5.00 X 1,202		$ 300,500.00
Electric: 50' per D.U.		
50 X $10.00 X 1,202		$ 601,000.00
Miscellaneous and Contingency		$ 2,704,500.00
TOTAL COST		$ 16,227,000.00

Dwelling Units (1,400 s.f.)
1,202 X $85,172 $102,374,744.00

M.F.H. GRAND TOTAL COST $118,601,744.00

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OFFICE AND SUPPORT BUILDINGS

BUILDINGS

4 story administration	1,160,000 s.f. (290,000*)	$150,800,000.00
1 story labs	170,000 s.f. (170,000*)	$ 22,100,000.00
6 story S.C.I.F.	490,000 s.f. (81,667*)	$245,000,000.00
1 story other	310,000 s.f. (310,000*)	$ 40,300,000.00
4 story B.O.S.	240,000 s.f. (60,000*)	$ 31,200,000.00
TOTAL COST OF BUILDING		$489,400,000.00

* footprint

LAND

Requirement for Building Footprints	911,677 s.f.	21 AC¹
Parking 2,370,000 s.f. ÷ 250 = 9,480 spaces		
1 space = 10 X 32 X 9,480 = 3,033,600 s.f.		70 AC¹
Roads Access etc. 15% 70AC =		10 AC¹
TOTAL		101 AC¹

TOTAL COST OF LAND 6

INFRASTRUCTURE

Composed from per acre costs on page 1

Roads	$ 2,345,932.00
Parking Lots @ $2.75 per s.f.	$ 6,991,500.00
Water	$ 2,052,691.00
Sewer	$ 1,739,649.00
Gas	$ 146,621.00
Electric	$ 293,242.00
Miscellaneous and Contingency	$ 1,319,287.00
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE	$14,909,022.00

TOTAL COST OF OFFICE AND SUPPORT BUILDINGS	$ 504,309,022.00
TOTAL COST OF M.F.H.	$ 118,603,744.00
GRAND TOTAL COSTS	$ 622,912,766.00

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SCHEDULE 2

Alternate #1 valuation of facilities to be sold

Area "A"

Land	$ 41,450,000.00
Buildings	$111,566,770.00

Area "B"

Land	$ 52,700,000.00
Buildings	-0-

Lawndale Annex

Land	$ 13,340,000.00
Buildings	$ 3,900,000.00

Fort MacArthur

Land	$ 93,000,000.00
Buildings	$ 14,720,550.00
Dwelling Units	$ 34,409,488.00

Pacific Crest

Land	$ 22,000,000.00
Dwelling Units	$ 6,725,570.00

Pacific Heights

Land	$ 12,600,000.00
Dwelling Units	$ 6,725,588.00

F.F.R.D.C.

Land	$ 72,960,000.00
Buildings	$191,726,470.00
TOTAL VALUATION	$679,211,176.00

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SCHEDULE 3

NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE

FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

Demolition	(No Asbestos or Toxic Materials)	$ 300,000.00
Area "A"	134,000 s.f. @ $130.00 per s.f.	$ 17,420,000.00
Area "B"	327,469 s.f. @ $130.00 per s.f.	$ 42,570,970.00
Housing:		
	Land 107 AC's @ 1mm	$107,000,000.00
	Infrastructure 107 AC's @ $78,391.00	$ 8,387,837.00
	622 D.U. @ $85,172.00	$ 52,976,964.00
Refurbish	360,909 s.f. @ $90.00 per s.f.	$ 43,025,450.00
	TOTAL COST	$271,681,241.00
	LESS SALE OF ANNEX 3	$(17,240,000.00)
	TOTAL COST	$254,441,241.00

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SCHEDULE 4

ALTERNATIVE #5

M.F.H. Units (820)

Based on previous Calculations

Land 137 AC @ 0		0
Infrastructure $78,391.00 per AC's		$ 10,739,567.00
820 D.U. @ 85,172.00		$ 69,841,040.00
TOTAL M.F.H. COSTS		$ 80,580,607.00

OFFICE BUILDING ETC.

Land	28AC @ 0	0
Buildings		
6 story admin.	540,000 s.f. (90,000 s.f.*)	$ 70,200,000.00
4 story S.C.I.F.	90,000 s.f. (22,500 s.f.*)	$ 45,000,000.00
3 story other	70,000 s.f. (23,333 s.f.*)	$ 9,100,000.00
5 story B.O.S.	210,000 s.f. (42,000 s.f.*)	$ 27,300,000.00
* footprint		
Infrastructure	28 AC's @ $147,614.00 per AC's	$ 3,699,350.00
	TOTAL OFFICE ETC. COST	$155,290,350.00
	TOTAL COST FOR ALTERNATE #5	$235,870,957.00

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SCHEDULE 5

Alternative #5 Valuation of Facilities to be sold

Area "A"		
	Land	$ 41,460,000.00
	Buildings	$111,866,770.00
Area "B"		
	Land	$ 83,790,000.00
	Buildings	-0-
Lawndale Annex		
	Land	$ 12,340,000.00
	Buildings	$ 3,900,000.00
Fort MacArthur		
	Land	$ 93,000,000.00
	Buildings	$ 14,720,550.00
	Dwelling Units	$ 34,409,488.00
Pacific Crest		
	Land	$ 22,000,000.00
	Dwelling Units	$ 6,728,870.00
Pacific Heights		
	Land	$ 12,600,000.00
	Dwelling Units	$ 6,735,288.00
	TOTAL VALUATION	$414,614,266.00

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SCHEDULE 6

Average Cost to move one family with 15,000 lbs of goods 100 miles = $2,300.00

Alternative #1

Relocate 7,560 personnel to March From L.A.A.F.B.
60% would move their residences
60% X 7,560 = 4,536 X $2,300.00 = $10,432,800.00

Alternative #5

Relocate 3,200 personnel to March From L.A.A.F.B.
60% would move their residences
60% X 3,200 = 1,920 X $2,300.00 = $ 4,464,400.00

Note:

No figures were available as to the cost of relocating office equipment etc., therefore, these costs were not factored in.

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ALTERNATIVE #1 SYNOPSIS

Cost for new Facilities (Schedule #1)	$622,912,766.00
Cost to move personnel (Schedule #6)	$ 10,432,800.00
Less income from sale of Existing SSD facilities (Schedule #2)	$679,311,134.00
SAVINGS	$ 45,965,570.00
ADDITIONAL SAVINGS:	
No Action Alternative (Schedule #3)	$254,441,241.00
First Year Savings on Maintenance Costs	$ 14,000,000.00
First Year Savings on Base operations Payroll 100 people instead of 655 contract people	$177,000,000.00
TOTAL POTENTIAL FIRST YEAR SAVING	$491,406,811.00

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ALTERNATIVE #5 SYNOPSIS

Cost for New Facilities at March (Schedule #4)	$235,870,957.00
Cost to Move Personnel (Schedule #6)	$ 4,664,408.00
Less Income from Sale LAAFB Facilities (Schedule #5)	$414,614,364.00
SAVINGS	$174,078,999.00
ADDITIONAL SAVINGS:	
First year savings on Maintenance costs	$ 14,000,000.00
First year savings on base operations Payroll 100 people instead of 655 contract people	$177,000,000.00
TOTAL POTENTIAL FIRST YEAR SAVING	$365,078,999.00

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MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 19, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA. 92409-6891

SUBJECT: Draft EIS for the proposed closure of Los Angeles AFB, and relocation of Space Systems Division.

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

We are in receipt of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for SVD1991.

I attended the public hearing on August 30, 1990 in the city of Riverside as a representative of the Moreno Valley Unified School District and gave testimony regarding the proposed closure of LAAFB with the possible relocation of the SSD to March Air Force Base, California. Following is a synopsis of that testimony:

4.20 The Moreno Valley Unified School District has enjoyed a lengthy positive relationship with March Air Force Base. We look forward to continuing that relationship.

Schools within the Moreno Valley Unified School District are overcrowded with some campuses being on overflow status. To keep up with the tremendous growth of the community, we have at this time three schools under construction and another out to bid. We are in a growth mode.

In conclusion, we look forward to working with the Air Force to provide ample school facilities for the children who may be within the Moreno Valley Unified School District if the SSD is relocated to March Air Force Base.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Miller
Coordinator of Facilities
Moreno Valley Unified School District

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cc: Dr. V. Paul Baird

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Inland Action Inc.

19 September 1990

Lt. Colonel Tom Bartol
Director of Programs & Environment
AFRCE-BMS/DE
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol,

This letter is written to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement titled "Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AFB, California and Relocation of Space Systems Division," dated July 1990. The Board of Directors of Inland Action, Inc. strongly recommend Alternative 1, the closure of Los Angeles AFB, the relocation of Space Systems Division (SSD and maintaining the Ballistic Missile Organization (BMO) at Norton. Further, we recommend the SSD and the Aerospace Corporation, a Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC), relocate to March AFB near Riverside, California. 15.10

The following are some comments and observations for your consideration:

- Except for the no action alternative, Alternative 1 would prove the least disruptive for the personnel of SSD and BMC. The BMC personnel would not have to relocate and many of the SSD personnel already living in our area would avoid the lengthy commute to work. Also, some closer to Los Angeles would probably choose not to move and would commute to March. They would be traveling away from the traffic flow and would experience a far less frustrating commute. Even your Impact Statement estimates a 20-percent lower immigration with this option.

- Although small, we feel there would be an overall improvement in the air quality in the South Coast Air Basin. Commuting distances would be reduced and traffic would flow more smoothly, both of which would reduce pollution. Air quality should not be an overriding issue in selecting a relocation site. As noted in your Impact Statement, all the locations under consideration suffer from some degree of nonattainment. 11.1

- If SSD should move to March, the sites proposed for construction apparently infringe on the habitat of the Stephen's kangaroo rat, a federally listed endangered species. You should be aware that an effort is being undertaken in Riverside to trap the kangaroo rat and move them away from areas of planned development to areas of protected habitat. This mitigation measure could very well be applied to the sites the Air Force would plan for construction. 13.2

- Relocating SSD and their FFRDC to March would keep them in close contact with their many, long established, Southern California DOD contractors.

- Knowing the amount of travel SSD, BMC and Aerospace personnel undertake, it is important that they be near a major airport. Ontario International Airport (ONA) satisfies that requirement. ONA is within minutes of both Norton and March, and the airlines operating out of the airport have hubs that connect to all the major destinations in the United States. 6.22

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4.13 - Some consideration should also be given to the thousands of jobs the Inland Empire will lose because of the planned closure of Norton and George Air Force Bases. Combine that with layoffs being regularly announced by Southern California defense firms and you have the ingredients for economic depression for the entire region. This is further compounded by the fact that, by all indicators, we are in the initial stages of a national recession.

6.10 - Both San Bernardino and Riverside counties have passed measures increasing local sales tax by one-half cent. This additional revenue is specifically devoted to transportation infrastructure improvements. This will not only provide for increased mobility for anyone that might locate in the region, but is indicative of the counties' visions and preparations for the future.

15.10 - We feel the aesthetics of our region should also be considered. We are located in a region of moderate climate with myriad cultural and recreational opportunities. Add to that affordable housing and you have the perfect combination for retaining and attracting quality personnel to SSD, BMO and Aerospace.

1.4 - And finally, we feel very strongly that any attempt by the Air Force to move BMO would not only be a breach of faith, but a violation of the law. It took enabling legislation to form the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, and their recommendations required legislative approval. The package approved, directed the closure of George, the partial closing of Norton, and the BMO remaining at Norton. We do not feel removing BMO and realigning its reporting channels exempts it from the legislatively approved findings and recommendations of the commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Lesl
Executive Director,
Inland Action, Inc.

REP:br

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PIKES PEAK
ASSOCIATION OF
REALTORS®, Inc.

September 17, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

As President of a professional association of 1700 REALTORS in the Pikes Peak Region, I would like to add all of the members of our association, their employees, their associates in the many affiliated parts of our industry, and all of their families to the already lengthy list of strong supporters for the relocation of the Air Force's Space Systems Division (SSD) to the Pikes Peak Region. We believe that the many advantages of this area to the Air Force will become more evident as your relocation decision process proceeds. 15.10

Our area of responsibility includes the front range County of El Paso and the mountain County of Teller. The communities in these two counties are as pro-military as any in the country, perhaps best epitomized by the very active Military Affairs Council and Area Chiefs of Staff Committee of the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce. Our area is also one the prime military retirement communities in the country, and all of our private and public organizations have a solid contingent of retired and often active duty personnel.

Our REALTOR association members have direct, up-to-date knowledge of the local real estate market. With the numerous organizations that continue to relocate here from California and other locations, our members consequently hear how enthused and pleased the new arrivals are with the comparatively low cost of housing, office, and industrial space. The availability of pre-sold residential housing certainly makes this area a buyer's market. Too, they cannot believe the extremely short commuting times involved, even from the mountain locations. While our entire transportation infrastructure beats anything they are used to, our local governments' continued involvement in providing advanced local funding to speed up State construction of a major east-west limited access thoroughfare will further enhance mountain access to the eastern plains.

We are extremely enthusiastic about our Pikes Peak Region and the superior quality of life we enjoy. We are proud of the many features of our communities that, in addition to our

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wonderful climate and central location, enhance our overall life style. Our cultural and educational facilities are exemplary and ever-improving. Our recreation and athletic facilities, including the United States Olympic Training Center and the Air Force Academy, are better than those of much larger cities. The easy access to the Denver metropolitan area amenities are a plus.

We are proud of the attention to the environmental concerns that all of our citizens share; SSD is just the category of industry that we have preferred to attract through our Economic Development Council over the years. We know that the fit of SSD to the Space Command (at either Falcon or Peterson Air Force Bases) and to our region will be a major advancement to all of the people and organizations involved.

Again, we strongly support and encourage the selection of the Pikes Peak Region for the relocation of the Space Systems Division. We look forward to assisting their personnel in joining our communities and in becoming one more vital part of our Region.

Sincerely,

Hal Walker
President

HW:ame

cc: Wanda L. Reeves

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STATE OF COLORADO

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

September 20, 1990

Ms. Margaret Dubas
State Clearinghouse
1313 Sherman Street, Room 521
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Ms. Dubas:

The Colorado Department of Highways has completed its review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Closure of the the Los Angeles Air Force Base and Relocation of Space Systems Division and has no comments. However, we would appreciate the opportunity to review the final EIS. 15.4

Thank you for the opportunity to review this document.

Very truly yours,

Robin E. Goddy
Environmental Review Coordinator
Office of Environmental Review and Analysis

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ROY ROMER
Governor

JERRY A. DANIELSON
State Engineer

OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER
DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

1313 Sherman Street-Room 818
Denver, Colorado 80203
(303) 866-3581

September 12, 1990

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Clearinghouse

FROM: Hal D. Simpson, Deputy State Engineer

SUBJECT: Proposed Closure of the Los Angeles Air Force Base, California, and Relocation of Space Systems Division DEIS

10.10 We agree with the general comments concerning water resources found on page numbers 4.5-20 and 4.5-21, especially concerning the Black Squirrel Creek Aquifer. It may be necessary to investigate other sources of water to meet the increased demand by Falcon Air Force Base.

HDS/JRH:clf/31231

cc: Purushottam Dass

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STATE OF COLORADO

BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
620 Centennial Building
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(303) 866-3454

Department of Natural Resources

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DIV OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

September 18, 1990

Commissioners
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Lt Col Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE - BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

The State Land Board Commissioners, State of Colorado, are pleased to respond to your letter of August 14, 1990 concerning request for comments on the DEIS. Proposed closure of Los Angeles AFB California and Relocation of Space Systems Division, USAF, July 1990

The Board wishes to compliment the USAF in the writing of the DEIS and to state that we would be fully supportive of any elements of Los Angeles AFB, Space Systems Division and Associated contractors relocating to Colorado with priority to Site 4, Falcon AFB, Colorado. Sufficient lands are available with supporting infrastructure capability to support such an alternative. Such action is completely consistent with functions of the USAF SPACE COMMAND and SDI already located at Falcon AFB. 15.10

Sincerely,

John S. Wilkes III
Commissioner-Engineer

JSW:f

ANTHONY SABATINI
Administrator

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KAMAN

Darwin L. Howard

September 17, 1990

Lt Col Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Sir

15.10 As a long-time resident of this community (24 years), I would like to take the opportunity to encourage a move of the Space Systems Division (SSD) to Colorado Springs. Most of the people who come here feel as I do about the community. It's one of the best places in the nation to live and raise a family. We have excellent schools, very affordable housing, and commute times in the range of 10-20 minutes. The weather is quite mild in summer and winter, and access to the mountains for recreation is marvelous.

Over the years, I have hired many engineers from the West, Midwest, and Southeast and find it easy to attract them to this area. I believe your SSD people would also find this to be a very desireable place in which to relocate.

The welcome mat is out.

Sincerely,

Darwin L. Howard

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Cellular One

September 13, 1990

Lt Col Tom Bartol
Director Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt Col Tom Bartol

On behalf of Cellular One, I want to convey to you our whole-hearted support for the potential move of Space Systems Division (SSD) to Colorado Springs. 15.10

Having recently moved to Colorado Springs from Seattle, Washington, my family and I have found the quality of life here to be outstanding. We have found a beautiful home for our two daughters and ourselves for less than 60 percent of the cost of our home of slightly lesser quality in Seattle. And, I have a fifteen minute commute compared to a fifty minute commute in Seattle! As much as we loved Seattle, we feel thrilled to be here in Colorado Springs.

If there is anything we at Cellular One can do for you or the Space Systems Division in support of your move to Colorado Springs, please do not hesitate to contact me. In addition, our Government Accounts Executive, Tim S[illegible]n is available for any cellular communications consulting needs you may have. Please let us know how we may help.

Hope to see you soon in beautiful Colorado!

Sincerely,

Duane C. Wollmuth
Market Manger

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Mountain View Electric Association, Inc.
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September 13, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

Mountain View Electric Association, Inc. is a rural electric distribution cooperative which serves some 5,000 square miles east of Colorado Springs and the Front Range between Denver and Pueblo. Falcon Air Force Base, our major customer, is located within our service territory.

We are a member of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. which is a major power supplier within a three-state area for 26 rural electric cooperatives. Tri-States has significant excess power generation capacity which is sold routinely on the spot market. For this reason, Mountain View Electric would encounter no difficulty in providing power for an organization the size of SSD within our service area.

Tri-State's generation facilities are constructed according to the latest in state-of-art technology and exceed the New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for clean air. Consequently, increased distribution of power within the Pikes Peak region (which includes Falcon AFB) would have no adverse impact on the environment.

A regional wastewater treatment facility near Falcon Air Force Base meets all clean water standards of the Federal Clean Water Act, and is adequate to meet all Falcon Air Force Base expansion plans. Further, this facility has the capacity to accommodate an organization the size of the Space Systems Division and to serve an additional 3,000 homes within the immediate area.

A number of proposed residential developments within a 15 minute commute of Falcon Air Force Base could accommodate a significant number of the incoming personnel. Because these proposed developments are located in low density areas east of Falcon Air Force Base, residents would not add to existing traffic along major routes from the metropolitan Colorado Springs area.

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Mountain View Electric will be available to discuss all future power requirements for SSD and other Air Force organizations that may relocate within the Falcon Air Force Base complex or within the service area of our utility. 15.10

Sincerely,
MOUNTAIN VIEW ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC

John A. Bohn, P.E.
General Manager

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The Press-Enterprise
RIVERSIDE COUNTY'S NEWSPAPER

WILLIAM D. RICH
Publisher and General Manager

September 19, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director
Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Col. Bartol:

15.10 I would like to go on record as follows:

1. I support the relocation of all or a portion of the Space Systems Division from Los Angeles Air Base to March Air Force Base as outlined in alternatives one or five in the DEIS; and

2. I support keeping the Ballistic Missile Organization at Norton Air Force Base as outlined in alternatives one or five in the DEIS.

Sincerely,

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County of Santa Barbara
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JAMES M. RYERSON, Air Pollution Control Officer
WILLIAM A. MASTER, Assistant Director

September 21, 1990

Lt Colonel Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, California 92409

SUBJECT: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base, California and Relocation of Space Systems Division

Dear Lt Colonel Bartol:

Thank you for giving the Air Pollution Control District (District) the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced draft EIS.

There are major consequences associated with the closure of the Los Angeles Air Force Base and relocation of the Space Systems Division to the Vandenberg Air Force Base in Santa Barbara County. Of particular concern is the potential effect of the project in delaying attainment of the state ambient air quality standard (AAQS) for ozone. In light of this potential we find the EIS to be inadequate in its treatment of air quality impacts.

The following comments are focused on the portion of the EIS that deals with Santa Barbara County. Many of the points raised in that context also apply to other communities dealt with in the EIS. However, specific comments for those areas have not been included in this letter.

General Comments:

1. **Emissions Calculations** - The air quality section of the EIS should provide an emissions inventory of pollutants released during both the construction and operation phases of the project. Both direct and indirect (e.g., traffic) sources of emissions should be calculated and thoroughly documented. The documentation should be complete enough to evaluate the 11.16

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accuracy of the results. The documentation should include the emission factors, calculations and assumptions used to derive the emissions.

The emissions stated in the EIS do not meet these requirements. More importantly, relevant emissions are not included at all. These omitted emissions sources include:

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a. Vehicle emissions resulting from increased traffic, both on and offbase.

b. Potential to exceed CO ambient air quality standards at affected intersections, both on and offbase.

c. Emissions from additional onbase power generation.

d. Emissions from new onbase sources (e.g., sources subject to District permits).

e. Toxic emissions associated with the increase of hazardous materials used and disposed of onbase.

2 **Mitigation** - The EIS does not discuss mitigation of the air quality impacts from the proposed project. It is important that appropriate actions be taken to reduce the magnitude of those impacts. Of particular importance is mitigation of the construction emissions and vehicle emissions. The attached list of mitigation measures should be incorporated into the EIS where appropriate.

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The increased vehicle trips and vehicle miles traveled will be the major sources of emissions associated with the proposed project. Reducing those emissions would be necessary to mitigate air quality impacts. Steps should be taken to reduce the commuter traffic between VAFB and affected communities, primarily Santa Maria and southern San Luis Obispo County. Not only would this reduce air quality impacts, but it would also reduce traffic impacts. If the proposed project is implemented VAFB should sponsor commuter buses, vanpools and carpools. Other transportation control measures should be utilized to the maximum extent possible.

Construction emissions should also be mitigated. NO_x emissions from construction equipment can be reduced using measures listed on the attachment.

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3 **Significance of Impacts** - The significance of both construction and operation phases of the project should be discussed in greater detail. The criteria for determining significance should be explained. Simply stating that an impact is or is not significant is not sufficient.

The County of Santa Barbara uses the following thresholds of *significance for air quality impacts:*

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a. Construction - Emissions of reactive organic gases (ROC), nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and/or particulate matter (PM_{10}) in excess of 2.5 tons per three month period. Also, the potential for emissions of NO_x to cause an exceedance of the NO_2 one-hour state AAQS (0.25 ppm).

b. Operation - Emissions of reactive organic gases (ROC) and/or nitrogen oxides (NO_x) in excess of 2.5 pounds per peak hour.

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4. **Alternative Analysis** - Stating that the alternatives will have less emissions than the proposed project is not sufficient analysis. Emissions associated with alternative projects should be presented with enough detail and in such a way as to facilitate comparison of the proposed and alternative projects.

5 **Consistency with County Plans** - The proposed project's consistency with relevant General Plans and Air Quality Attainment Plans (AQAP) should be analyzed more thoroughly.

Stating that the general plans of affected communities account for the growth resulting from the proposed project is misleading. For example, the EIS states that the Land Use Element of the City of Santa Maria General Plan will accommodate a population increase from 53,000 to 85,000 over a phased growth period. The incremental change in the population of Santa Maria from the first four years of the proposed project will equal the entire expected population growth of the city. Therefore, if the proposed project is to be consistent with the general plan it would preclude any other residential development in Santa Maria. Yet the land use element was designed to balance jobs from expected commercial and industrial development within Santa Maria with needed housing. Obviously the planned jobs/housing balance within Santa Maria would be disrupted by this project. Therefore there will be adverse effects on land use resulting from this project.

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The air quality impacts accompanying such rapid development were not anticipated in the EIR for the Land Use Element of the City of Santa Maria General Plan. Also, the growth assumptions for the City of Santa Maria and other northern Santa Barbara County communities are closely related to efforts by the District in plan for attainment of state ambient air quality standards.

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Specific Comments

6. Page S-7, Table S-2, Air Quality. Significant impacts can be expected from construction phase emissions as well as operation phase emissions. The county is also nonattainment for the PM, state AAQS and significant impacts can be expected in that respect. See comment three. Carbon monoxide (CO) impacts may also be significant. See comment 21.

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7. Page 2-46, Table 2.6 1-2, Air Quality. See comment six.

8. Page 3 3-21, first paragraph, last sentence. The California Air Resources Board (CARB) seldom reviews District permit applications. Only District permits requiring public notice (very few) are routinely reviewed by CARB.

9. Page 3 3-21, second paragraph. It should also be stated that the county is nonattainment for the state PM, AAQS.

10. Page 3 3-21, fifth paragraph, last two sentences. It was Santa Maria where the state AAQS for PM, was exceeded for the three years reported, and Lompoc where the state AAQS for ozone was exceeded.

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11. Page 3 3-22, Table 3 3.8-1. The following corrections should be made:

a. Nitrogen Dioxide Annual Average, Santa Barbara County 1981 - 0.012 not 0.031.

b. Nitrogen Dioxide Maximum Concentration, Santa Barbara County 1987 - 3 14 not 3.13.

c. Sulfur Dioxide Maximum Concentration, Vandenberg AFB 1981 - 3 302 not 3 201.

d. Total Suspended Particulates Annual Geometric Mean, Santa Maria 1986 - 67 3 not 64 8.

12. Page 3 3-23, Table 3 3 8-1, footnote 1. The concentrations reported are those recorded only at State and Local Air Monitoring Stations (SLAMS), not any monitoring station in Santa Barbara County. There is a large network of Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) stations in the county that record air monitoring data not included in this table.

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13. Page 3 3-24, Table 3 3 8-2. Table 3 3.8-2 should be better documented. Is this a table from the referenced document or is it a compilation from many tables. Specific pages should be cited.

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14. Page 3 3 8-1, Table 3 3 8-3. Table 3 3 8-3 should be better documented. How was this information received from the District? What is the reference?

15. Page 3 3-26, Table 3 3 8-4. What is the reference for Table 3 3 8-4? Is it available to the District for review?

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16. Page 4 3-7, fourth paragraph, last sentence. This project would result in adverse effects on land use as explained in comment five.

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17. Page 4 3-20, third complete paragraph, second sentence. The exact emission factors for each piece of construction equipment should be listed. The total hydrocarbon emission factor from AP-42 is the sum of exhaust hydrocarbons and aldehydes. Was this used?

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18. Page 4 3-20, third complete paragraph, third sentence. Particulate emission calculations are not sufficiently documented. What emission factor was used? What acreage was it applied to? Are the particulates reported total suspended particulates (TSP) or PM_{10}? When site specific information is not available the District assumes that fugitive PM equals 50% of TSP. The AP-42 emission factor is for TSP. Standard District dust mitigation measures (attached) should be implemented for the project.

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19. Page 4 3-20, third complete paragraph, last two sentences. Comparison of project construction emissions to the total County emission inventory is not a valid method of determining the significance of air quality impacts. See comment three. Also, the county is nonattainment for the PM, state AAQS. This should be discussed.

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20. Page 4 3-21, fourth complete paragraph, first sentence. Although important, the CO emissions are not the primary short- and long-term air quality impacts. The county is in attainment for CO ambient air quality standards, though there may be CO "hot spots" in some high use areas.

However, the entire county is not in attainment for the state ozone and PM, AAQS. The construction and vehicle emissions of NO_x, ROC and PM, from the proposed project will significantly impact the air quality in the county. This should be the primary focus in the EIS.

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21 Page 4.3-20, last paragraph. The analysis of CO impacts as presented are incorrect. It appears that the incremental change in CO concentrations resulting from the proposed project was added to the CO background concentrations. That concentration was then compared to the CO one hour state ambient air quality standard. This is invalid.

The background CO concentration and CO concentration from existing traffic plus the incremental traffic increase from project should be used to determine the CO concentration at effected intersections. CALIME4 modeling parameters require total (existing plus incremental) traffic volume on intersection links. The CO ambient concentration parameter does not account for existing intersection traffic.

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The worst case CO concentration of 17 ppm reported in the EIS is very close to the CO one hour state AAQS of 20 ppm. If the analysis is done correctly it is quite possible that exceedances of the state AAQS will be predicted. This would be a significant air quality impact.

The state and federal eight hour AAQS for CO of 9 ppm is also of concern. The EIS should analyze the potential for this standard to be exceeded.

All intersections with a major incremental changes in traffic volume should be analyzed.

11.22 22. Page 4.3-20, last paragraph, last sentence. The state AAQS for CO is 20 ppm, not 0.20 ppm.

23. Page 4.3-22, first partial paragraph, last two sentences. This is not an adequate discussion of the effects of the proposed project on ozone concentrations in the county. Delaying the achievement of the state ambient air quality standard is indeed a significant impact. It deserves a thorough and accurate analysis. See comments one, two, three and five.

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11.32 24. Page 4.3-22, first complete paragraph. The emission inventory for stationary sources associated with the proposed project should be presented in greater detail. See comment one.

11.19 25. Page 4.3-22, second complete paragraph. The air quality impacts of project alternatives are not discussed in sufficient detail. An emissions inventory and determination of significance for each alternate should be provided. See comment four.

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If you have any questions concerning these comments, please contact me at the number above.

Sincerely,

Gary W. Wipsman
Air Quality Engineer II

Attachments (mitigation measures, dust mitigation)

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cc: Kathy Refauver, County Resource Management Department (w/o attachments)
Jerry Fresier, City of Santa Maria (w/ attachments)
Project File
PLNG Chron File

Attachment to Document 213

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT
STANDARD DUST CONTROL REQUIREMENTS

1. Dust generated by the development activities shall be retained on-site and kept to a minimum by following the dust control measures listed below. Reclaimed water shall be used whenever possible.

   a. During clearing, grading, earth moving or excavation, water trucks or sprinkler systems are to be used in sufficient quantities to prevent dust from leaving the site and to create a crust, after each day's activities cease.

   b. After clearing, grading, earth moving or excavation is completed, the disturbed area must be treated by watering, or revegetating; or by spreading soil binders until the area is paved or otherwise developed so that dust generation will not occur.

   c. During construction, water trucks or sprinkler systems are to be used to keep all areas of vehicle movement damp enough to prevent dust from leaving the site. At a minimum, this will include wetting down such areas in the late morning and after work is completed for the day. Increased watering frequency will be required whenever the wind speed exceeds 15 mph.

2. Importation and Stockpiling of Fill Material:

   Soil stockpiled for more than two days shall be covered, kept moist, or treated with soil binders to prevent dust generation.

   Trucks transporting fill material to the site shall be tarped from the point of origin.

3. Activation of Increased Dust Control Measures:

   The contractor or builder shall designate a person or persons to monitor the dust control program and to order increased watering, as necessary, to prevent transport of dust off site. Their duties shall include holiday and weekend periods when work may not be in progress. The name and telephone number of such persons shall be provided to the Air Pollution Control District prior to land use clearance for map recordation and land use clearance for finish grading of the structure.

4. Recordation of Mitigation Measures:

   Prior to land use clearance, the applicant shall include, as a note on a separate informational sheet to be recorded with map, these dust control requirements. All requirements shall be shown on grading and building plans.

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September 20, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Col Bartol:

I support the relocation of all the Space Systems Division from Los Angeles Air Base to Kerrf Air Force Base as outlined in alternative one in the DEIS. However, if that cannot be achieved then I would support alternative five and move a portion of the SSD from Los Angeles to Kerrh Air Force Base. 15.10

I support keeping the Ballistic Missile Organization at Norton Air Force Base as outlined in alternative one or five in the DEIS.

Sincerely,

Albert C. Sykes

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THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP, INC.
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September 21, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
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Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

The Economic Development Partnership, Inc., is a non-profit organization committed to bringing new jobs and business investment to Riverside County and to the entire Inland Empire.

The Board of Directors of the EDP, Inc., is unanimously in favor of the following:

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1) The relocation of all or a portion of the Space Systems Division from Los Angeles Air Base to March Air Force Base as outlined in alternatives one or five in the DEIS; and

2) Keeping the Ballistic Missile Organization at Norton Air Force Base as outlined in alternatives one or five in the DEIS.

These actions would be consistent with Alternative One (complete relocation of the SSD and the Aerospace Corporation to March Air Force Base) and Alternative Five (partial relocation of the SSD to March AFB).

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

William D. Rich, Chairman
EDP Board of Directors

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September 21, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
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Norton AFB, CA. 92409-6448

RE: Space Systems Division and Ballistic Missile Organization

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

On behalf of Albert A. Webb Associates, I would like to express our company's support for the relocation of the Space Systems Division from Los Angeles Air Base to March Air Force Base, as outlined in Alternatives 1 and 5 of the DEIS. Furthermore, we support maintaining the ballistic missile organization at Norton Air Force Base. The Air Force enjoys a high level of support in the Riverside/San Bernardino County area, and we are tremendously excited about the prospect of this relocation. 15.10

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Sincerely,

ALBERT A. WEBB ASSOCIATES

Matthew E. Webb
Vice President

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CIVIL ENGINEERING PLANNING ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS SURVEYING ASSESSMENT SPECIAL TAX ENGINEERING

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A. J. Errquez D.D.S.
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September 19,1990

Dear Lt. Col. Tom Bartol,

As a resident of Colorado Springs since 1962 I have watched the U.S. Air Force grow and develop along with our fine city. I was a member of the U.S. Air Force as a practicing dentist prior to coming to Colorado Springs to begin my private practice.

My wife and I have found that Colorado Springs was a fine place to raise our five children. I am sure that if the decision is made to move the Space System Division of the Air Force to Colorado Springs that the personel who would follow this move would also find that Colorado Springs is a fine place to raise their children. 15.10

As you know there is an abundance of space east of our city which would provide easy access to the new establishment with out a lot of congestion and traffic. Many active duty Air Force personel have selected Colorado Springs as their choice of residence after they retire from the service. I think this is a very good example as to our quality of life provided by our excellent weather, schools and easy access to the many enjoyable recreation opportunities in the mountains.

I would personally be happy to have you as our new neighbor east of town.

Sincerely,

A. Errquez, D.D.S.

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BROKERS REALTY, INC.
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Area Code 719
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September 20, 1990

Lt Col Tom Barrol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS DEP
Norton AFB, Ca. 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col Barrol,

Our office has been informed of the pending relocation of Space System Division of Los Angeles Air Force Base. Knowing that Peterson AFB in Colorado Springs is one base in consideration for the relocation brings several points to mind that would benefit both the U.S. Government and the Colorado Springs area in General.

Having (SSD) in Colorado Springs will avail the Space Division of the space programs already in place here. There are ancillary aero space private corporations here who contract with the government, and this will facilitate technical logistic problems for (SSD). The University of Colorado at Colorado Springs offers Graduate engineering programs.

Private enterprise here includes a wide variety of technical and computer developement functions. The availability of trained qualified specialists for (SSD) is good. But more importantly candidates for jobs at (SSD) would be relocating to a beautiful climate. We have cultural and ethnic diversity in an amalgamated population base of 350,000. Our High Schools consistantly score above National average in S.A.T. tests. There is quality housing at price considered extremely low in L.A. There is a quality of lifestyle unique to the Rocky Mountain region right here in Colorado Springs. Major sports are within 1 hour driving time super skiing less than 2 hours away. Temperate climate and easy commute to job site are added benefits. We have a clean air program that has been working for over 3 years. We have successfully handled the addition of 20,00 new residents a year from 1980 to 1986.

When it comes to real estate, there are many good companies in town. We are among that special group and our 30 plus years in the Colorado Springs market attests to our acceptance and reliability.

It is our hope that you, like those of us who call Colorado Springs home, will find that Pikes Peak will grow on you. Should you desire additional communication please feel free to call (719)597-3000 or write to us at the address above. We are your neighbors. 15.10

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GOLDEN EAGLE
GOLD CORPORATION

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September 20, 1990

Lt. Col Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFSCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Re: Relocation of the USAF Space Systems Division

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol,

As a long-term member of the Military Affairs Council of the Chamber of Commerce in Colorado Springs, Colorado and a retired Brigadier General, United States Army who lives and works here, I have had a deep interest in the welfare of the military forces, fortunate enough to be stationed here, along with the Department of Defense civilian employees and the civilian side of the house in Colorado Springs.

I am also a member of the "Thirty Group of Colorado" a business group from the state devoted to assisting the military by learning more about their functions and responsibilities and thus being more able to answer questions and help wherever we can.

Now and for the next few years is a most auspicous opportunity to relocate to Colorado Springs. The local area has suffered from overbuilding, a slump in business in general and deactivation of an army brigade at nearby Fort Carson.

These circumstances have contributed to an overall availability of excellent housing for what I consider cheap prices in one of the more desirable areas of the world. Colorado Springs is blessed with a great climate and located in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. This location provides great outdoor recreation in all forms, hunting, fishing, sailing, nature study, mountain climbing and most everything a family could enjoy. Its advantages are emphasized by the large retired military and civilian community already located here. For example, the Pikes Peak Chapter of the Retired Officers Association is the second largest in the country with more than 2400 members.

In addition to affordable quality personal housing there is inexpensive warehouse and office space readily available and well-located with very short commuting times wherever you might relocate in the area. Our airport is close in and convenient in all respects with good flight schedules. It is a pleasure to use.

A real plus for any military organization considering a move to Colorado Springs is the general welcoming attitude of the City of Colorado Springs and El Paso County. More than a generation of good relations with Fort Carson, Peterson

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AF Base and the Air Force Academy have insured a happy reception for the Space Systems Division by the people of the area.

Based on my twenty years of experience here, the last eighteen plus in the civilian business world, I believe you should place Colorado Springs as your Number One choice. 15.10

Sincerely,

Richard H. Hampton
Chairman of the Board and President

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Barber
Johnson III

Venture Investments Bermuda Limited Partnership

19 September 1990

Lt Col Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFSCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Sir,

In order to project a true image of Colorado Springs and the surrounding areas, I ask your indulgence for a few lines. There is an abundant amount of quality housing in a variety of price ranges and sizes. The commuting time within the city is short because of the careful planning of main arterial byways. We have approximately 340 days of sunshine per year, beautiful mountains, lakes and wildflowers, skiing nearby, a variety of wonderful entertainment possibilities. Colorado is a great place to raise families and to retire.

15.10 It is with anxious anticipation that we await the outcome of your Environmental Impact Study in regards to moving the Space Systems Division (SSD) to Peterson AFB in Colorado.

Cordially,

Berni Barber Johnson III

cc: Wanda L. Reeves
Executive Vice President
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GIRL SCOUTS

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September 20, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFSCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt Col Bartol,

I am writing at this time to extend a warm invitation to the families of Los Angeles Air Force Base as the Colorado Springs area. I know you will take many highly technical matters into consideration as you make your decision on relocation. I would like to offer a consideration of a more personal nature 15.10

Colorado Springs is a family community. Services and supports available are extensive and progressive, comparable to those available in any large metropolitan area. Recreational, cultural, educational and medical resources provide a very high quality of life. Military personnel are very much a part of our community and we appreciate their presence and participation.

I would like to make a very special invitation, on behalf of Girl Scouting, to do anything that we can to welcome your families into the community and to help with the transition of any Girl Scouts and volunteers.

Please take into consideration these less tangible benefits as you make your decision. We would love to have LAAFB as a part of our community.

Cordially,

Anne M. Weston
Executive Director

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20 September 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

RE: SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION/RELOCATION

Dear Colonel Bartol:

The relocation of Space Systems Division to the Colorado Springs area has certainly garnered the attention of our community, and we join with citizens and businesses alike in encouraging your group to recommend that selection.

Having personally attended the public meetings you have conducted in Colorado Springs, I know you have listened to a broad spectrum of civic and political leaders who well described the attributes of the Pikes Peak region. Without attempting to duplicate that effort in this letter, let me simply highlight what may be the most important factor of all—the sincere and unmatched interest of all who live in the area in hosting Space Systems Division. You will not find a more supportive and resourceful community than our own. Indeed, many of those who now hold key positions in local government and business have come from military careers. There is a sense of understanding and a willingness to help that naturally emerges.

Moreover, Colorado Springs has room for Space Systems Division—not simply the facilities themselves but the housing and transportation infrastructure which will be needed to support those who make up SSD. Add to that our superb area school systems and local universities. It just makes good sense—in terms of availability, cost, and interest. Colorado Springs is best equipped to accomodate the division's needs.

15.10 We look forward to your continued examination, confident that your increasing knowledge of Colorado Springs will do much to persuade the Air Force that Space Systems Division belongs in the High Country of Colorado.

Yours truly,

Matt A. Coleman

cc: Wanda L. Reeves - Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce

100th years of service

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September 20, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
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Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Sir:

We in the Colorado Springs community would sincerely WELCOME the Los Angeles Air Force Base personnel. For over four decades, we have had a significant military population. The military has played a very important role in the shape and direction of our town. Most of the community events for the betterment of our area involve the military as committee members, workers and participants in the actual events.

Our town would surely welcome the Air Force personnel from the Los Angeles Air Base. We have plenty of good, very fair priced housing a short commute from both Peterson AFB and Falcon AFB. Most importantly, the quality of life in Colorado Springs is beyond compare. At the base of Pikes Peak, our climate is a refreshing surprise. 15.10

Welcome! Welcome!

Sincerely,
MOUNTAIN AMERICA, INC.

William W. Poleson
President - Broker

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Executive Vice President
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County of Santa Barbara
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
John Patton, Director

September 21, 1990

Lt. Col. Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRACE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

RE: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base, California and Relocation of Space System Division

Dear Colonel Bartol:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the DEIS for the above referenced project. The County recognizes the project's potential for providing overall economic growth and employment opportunities, however, the current water shortage, lack of available lands for development, and availability of public services and utilities requires a balance to be achieved between economic enhancement and environmental impacts. The FEIS must carefully consider all these issues in order to provide the public and concerned agencies with all the required information for informed decision-making. Of particular importance would be the integration of this proposal with local land use plans which are currently being updated. These include the Santa Maria General Plan and Sphere of Influence, the Orcutt General Plan, and the Lompoc General Plan. 5.7

Attached are comments specific to the DEIS. An area of particular concern are sections on groundwater and associated effects on other resources. The proposed Coastal Aqueduct should not be considered adequate mitigation for water demand for these new residents. It's timing is uncertain, actual delivery is not guaranteed, and if this water is delivered, it will be needed to offset increased demand from in-County growth and to offset existing overdraft. Other mitigations are proposed in the attached comments. Several species of Category 2 plants and wildlife and threatened and endangered species are not fully described. In the final EIS it should be noted that it is not the loss of individual species that causes extinction of a species, but loss of habitat. Descriptions of existing habitat conditions and the probable impacts of development brought on by the relocation need to be adequately presented to the decision makers if they are to adequately weigh all consequences of the proposed relocation. 10.2 13.8 13.9

Public services, in particular local sewage treatment plants, roadways, and water treatment and delivery, will require expanded capacities with the relocation. It is necessary to explain all implications in coordinating the process for such expansions with state and local agencies. 7.12

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While the Air Force is conducting a local economic consequences study, no evaluation of the social impacts of the proposed population influx is examined in a socio-economic section of the DEIS. Social impacts to recreational opportunities may be a significant impact due to the large population relocation to this area and in light of the Vandenberg Acquisition. The Vandenberg acquisition will potentially remove approximately 17 miles of coastal lands from recreational development and would be a significant impact to the North County. At the very least, this should be included in the cumulative impacts section of the DEIS. 4.21 4.22

Growth in the Lompoc and Santa Maria areas would be limited by the acres of land zoned for development. The majority of the lands surrounding VAFB, and the surrounding cities zoned for agriculture, are in agricultural production, and are supported by prime agricultural soils. The cities of Santa Maria and Lompoc along with the County of Santa Barbara have worked diligently through the General Plan and LAFCO processes to preserve these agricultural lands. The goals of the Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan require that in the Lompoc area, the present character of the Lompoc area be retained. The population should remain within available natural resources and enhance the present quality of life, the limits of natural resources ascertained, an estimate of reasonable holding capacity estimated, and plan a growth pattern compatible with available resources. The Santa Maria/Orcutt area goals require that economic and population growth should proceed at a rate that can be sustained by available resources. Land Use Policy #3 requires that no urban development shall be permitted beyond boundaries of land designated for urban uses except in neighborhood urban areas. Both the cities of Santa Maria and Lompoc have planning policies that state there will be no growth on to agricultural lands. 5.8

Again, the Lompoc General Plan and Santa Maria General Plan and Sphere of Influence are currently being updated. The Orcutt General Plan is just in the early stages of development. These documents have not yet considered planning necessary to accommodate such a large influx of population in the North County. The Air Force objective of providing lower housing costs and commuter time to the relocated personnel may not be achieved given the limitations of resources and land available for development. 5.9

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Please continue to send information on all developments of this project to Kathy Nafsuver, Division of Environmental Review, 105 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey T. Harris, Deputy Director
Division of Environmental Review & Compliance

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Marlene Carter, B/S Assistant, 4th District
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Gary Weissman, Air Pollution Control District
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Attachment 1

Comments to the DEIS for Relocation of
Los Angeles AFB, California and
Relocation of Space Systems Division

1. Page 2-44, Table 2.6.1-2, Biological Resources: Add impacts to the Santa Ynez River and associated endangered and category 2 species. | 13.10

2. Page 3.3-12, Section 3.3.4.1, paragraph 3: While *Phase II* of the Coastal Aqueduct is scheduled to be completed to Santa Barbara County in 1995, the proposed Coastal Aqueduct is not considered adequate mitigation for water demand for these new residents. Its timing is uncertain, actual delivery is not guaranteed, and it will be needed to offset increased demand from in County growth and offset existing overdraft. The entire State of California is in a drought condition and snow packs which feed northern water sources have been significantly less than normal for the past four years. Reduced water supplies may result in reductions in allocations and may vary from year to year. It is not a certainty that the allocations will alleviate the currently overdrafted aquifers of the region. These facts should be clearly stated in the EIS. | 10.2

3. Page 3.3-31, Section 3.3.10.3, paragraph 1, line 5: State that the California Least Tern has historically nested on the sandbar in the Santa Ynez River slough. | 13.11

4. Page 3.3-31, Section 3.3.10.3, paragraph 1, line 10: Add that the unarmored threespine stickleback also occurs in Honda Creek on south VAFB. | 13.12

5. Page 4.3-1, Section 4.3, paragraph 1, line 5: Add at the end of the sentence "... contractor personnel at the base and the surrounding communities." | 4.23

6. Page 4.3-6, Section 4.3.2.1, Site 1: Housing Site #1 was identified under the Vandenberg AFB Base Comprehensive Plan. The Base Comprehensive Plan (BCP) received no review by the County and no environmental documentation for the BCP was received by the County. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and California Department of Fish and Game should have an opportunity to review this document since Housing area #1 is located within a large stand of Burton Mesa chaparral, in which several category 2 plants occur. | 3.27

7. Page 4.3-10, Section 4.3.4.1, paragraph 5: Prior to the expansion of the wastewater treatment plants at Santa Maria and Lompoc, coordination of permits for the Regional Water Quality Control Board, environmental review, and funding from the Cities of Santa Maria and Lompoc will be required. It must be shown that adequate public services and resources are available to serve proposed development. Coordination should be planned well in advance and | 7.12

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7.12 | stated in the EIS.

10.2 | 8. Page 4.3-19, Section 4.3.7.1, paragraph 4: See comment # 2.

3.27 | 9. Page 4.3-23, Section 4.3.10.1, paragraph 3, Wildlife: Describe and discuss the wetlands in proposed Housing Area 1. Wetlands in this area are scattered and widespread. Dispersal of existing wildlife inhabitants (invertebrates, amphibians, etc.) from existing wetlands would be minimal, and quite possibly be destroyed during development. This should be stated as a significant impact of Housing Area 1.

13.12 | 10. Page 4.3-23, Section 4.3.10.1, paragraph 2, Threatened and Endangered Species: State that the unarmored threespine stickleback occurs in Honda Creek on south VAFB. This creek may be hydraulically linked to the Lompoc Terrace Groundwater Basin, currently in a state of overdraft. Further overdraft of this basin may result in degradation of habitat for the threespine stickleback.

13.10 | 11. Page 4.3-23, Section 4.3.10.1, paragraph 3: State that the California Least Tern has historically nested in the Santa Ynez River slough and it is likely the Tidewater Goby occurs in the brackish waters of the slough. In addition, several category 1 and 2 plant species are dependent on the saltmarsh environment of the slough. Any further overdraft in the Lompoc Plain Groundwater Basin will degrade water quality and quantity, and reduce the viability of the slough as habitat for these Endangered and Category 1 and 2 species.

3.27 | 12. Page 4.3-24, Section 4.3.10.1, paragraph 2: State if wetlands cannot be avoided how impacts to the wetlands will be mitigated. This will make this paragraph consistent with the other paragraphs of this section.

13.10 | 13. Page 4.3-24, Section 4.3.10.2, paragraph 1: Discuss impacts to the Santa Ynez River as well as those to San Antonio Creek. Continued overdraft of the local groundwater basins will result in decreased water supply to the Santa Ynez River and impact the surrounding riparian and salt marsh habitats.

3.27 | 14. Page 4.3-25, Section 4.3.10.2, paragraph 1, last line: Delete "...although only about 10 percent of the area would be disturbed compared to the proposed action." or qualify the statement with a comparison of the cumulative loss of Burton Mesa chaparral due to development both on base and off.

4.22 | 15. Page 4.3-26, Section 4.3.12, paragraph 4: Add a paragraph discussing the socioeconomic impacts of the relocation on recreational opportunities in the area. This should take into account the Vandenberg Acquisition of approximately 17 miles of coastline, which may require restrictive access if the project is approved.

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16. Page 4.7-2, Water Resources: As stated in comment #2, there is no certainty of the water allocations to the Santa Barbara County area, or if this will indeed be sufficient to offset the current water shortage due to existing City and County growth, and mitigate the current overdraft in the local groundwater basins. If the decision makers are to understand clearly that this is not proposed as mitigation, it should not be included in the mitigation section. | 10.2

17. Page 4.7-2, Water Resources: Short-term and rather inexpensive mitigations for overdrafting the groundwater basins may include utilizing water conserving plumbing fixtures such as 1.6 gallon/flush toilets and 2.0 gallon /minute showerheads and faucets in new buildings and retro-fitting old structures. This should be accompanied by a VAFB specific regulation for enforcement. In addition, any regulations for the requirements of green lawns during the summer months may be eliminated and replaced with new local regulations limiting watering days and times in Military Family Housing. Landscaping should incorporate drought tolerant landscaping at individual homes and provision of lawns in community green belts between rows of homes. In the long term, alternative water sources, such as desalination, may also be considered. | 10.11

18. Page 4.7-2, paragraph 3, Air Quality: Add mass transit as a mitigation measure to minimize traffic congestion, air pollution, and noise. | 11.17

19. Page 4.7-2, paragraph 4, Biological Resources, line 1: Change to read: "Avoid all sensitive or unique biological habitats to the maximum extent." | 13.13

20. Page 4.7-2, paragraph 4, Biological Resources, line 3: State the soil stabilization measures to be used. | 13.14

21. Page 4.7-2, paragraph 4, Biological Resources, line 4: State how noxious weeds shall be controlled. | 13.15

22. Page 4.7-3, paragraph 4, Biological Resources, last line: Avoidance of the large areas of Burton Mesa chaparral at Housing Sites 1 and 2D is acceptable mitigation. The option of preserving a similar area off site is less desirable due to the continued fragmentation of this sensitive habitat type. Philbrick and Odion in Analysis of Preserve Sites for Burton Mesa Chaparral (1988) state that a minimum preserve site should be a minimum of 200 acres. However, with further development on VAFB and commitment to the mission, there can be no guarantee that these areas will remain in preserve status. | 13.16

23. Page 4.7-3, paragraph 5, Biological Resources: Creation of wetlands as mitigation is in the experimental stages of development and should not be used as mitigation of impacts until such creation is more thoroughly understood and implemented successfully. The Peacekeeper Rail Garrison (PKRG) wetlands creation has just begun site selection and, within five years, must have wetlands with | 13.17

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native, reproducing, wetland cover without the presence of exotic species. If the wetlands are not successful as dictated by the above performance criteria, the process will be repeated until the required wetland acreage is achieved to replace those destroyed by the PKNG. The Air Force has committed several million dollars to fund establishment of a committee of experts for design and implementation of the project, required compensation feasibility studies, establishment of performance criteria, pre-construction research, monitoring, and implementation.

13.17 Funding of the wetlands creation project is but one issue the Air Force must present in the DEIS. Although artificial habitat can be supplement or replace natural habitat it will never become natural habitat (Ferren and Gevirtz, 1990). The mitigation plan should rigidly adhere to federal laws to ensure there is no net loss of wetlands as dictated by President Bush. It is necessary to include Compensation feasibility studies, performance criteria, how the project will be implemented, monitoring and contingency plans. Also, a committee of experts must be included to assist in all phases of the mitigation plan.

If the system is not reproduced in its entirety, we have lost the resource (Cochrane, 1988). Natural vs created wetlands have not been evaluated and should not be proposed as mitigation at this time. Avoidance of sensitive natural habitats during design development should be the primary objective at all levels of planning.

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FirstAmerican Bank

September 20, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

15.10 Speaking on behalf of myself and the 28 people who work here at FirstAmerican Bank, we encourage you to choose Colorado Springs as the new home for the Space Systems Division (SSD). The size of Colorado Springs and the affordability of housing in our area would be a dream come true for people who have to deal with these factors in Southern California. The attitude of our community is positive, supportive and progressive. There is no doubt in our mind that Colorado Springs brings a quality of life that is unbeatable. Any negatives or doubts are eliminated when you look at the bottom line.

Again, let me encourage you to select Colorado Springs. We want you.

Sincerely,

Kip E. Deitemeyer
Vice President

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September 18, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartel
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
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15.10 The Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce has, I am sure, given you all the basic facts to support our effort to have the Space Systems Division relocated to Peterson Field.

Let me briefly add some not so obvious reasons why people coming here will find it a marvelous place to live, as I have for the past 35 years.

I can commute from home to work in under 20 minutes. Many people spend even less time.

I can walk out of my house in the southwest part of the city and be hiking in the Pike National Forrest in 30 minutes.

My children, graduating from local schools had no difficulty in getting into first class colleges and universities.

Some of the finest sailing in the world is only two hours away.

An hours drive will take you to beautiful trout streams.

First class gourmet meals cost less than half what they would in most large cities.

An attractive livable house costs one third to one quarter of what it would in California.

Not having to fight traffic, crowds, long lines, and high prices gives for relaxed healthful living.

Please be sure that these and any other intangible advantages are considered when your group makes its decision.

Sincerely yours,

Richard F. Walker

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New Mexico Health and Environment Department

September 20, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

The attached provides the Division's comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base, CA and Relocation of Space Systems Division.

Let me know if you have further questions.

Cordially,

Chad Cibas, Ph.D.
Environmental Impact Review Coordinator

CC/sq
attachments

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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

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New Mexico Health and Environment Department

September 11, 1990

TO: Gedi Cibas

FROM: Solid Waste, Ground Water Bureau

Comments on Draft EIS on Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AFB and Relocation of Space Systems

10.12 1) The Los Angeles AFB EIS does not adequately address Ground Water Quality and does not discuss results of sampling from monitor wells mentioned in (page 3.1-27) section 3.1.7.1. This should be explored in detail.

10.13 2) The Norton AFB or BMO, San Bernardino EIS also does not adequately discuss the ground water contamination mentioned in 3.2.7.1 on page 3.2-9. The information should be explored in detail.

10.14 3) The Kirtland AFB EIS does not adequately address the potential of the proposal to affect ground water. There is a known increase in potential for spills impacting ground water mentioned in 4.6-11. This is not fully explored, and should be related to past experiences at current facilities mentioned above.

cc: Stuart Castle

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New Mexico Health and Environment Department

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gedi Cibas, Program Support Bureau

FROM: Betsy Reed, Surface Water Quality Bureau

THRU: Jim Platt, Acting Chief, Surface Water Quality Bureau

DATE: September 5, 1990

SUBJECT: Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AFB California Relocation of Space Systems Division, United States Air Force

Thank you for the opportunity to review this proposal. Staff of the Surface Water Quality Bureau have reviewed the DEIS and have the following comments:

As indicated in the DEIS, there are no perennial streams or wetlands within the project area. However, the Rio Grande is 4 miles from the project area and several ephemeral streams/arroyos that drain into the Rio Grande are within the project boundaries. Summer rainstorms in the southwest are such that flooding of these arroyos is common. Any runoff from the project, therefore, is of concern. This includes exposed soils from construction and development, spills, leaks, and materials that have been improperly stored or disposed of, any of which could potentially be washed into the flooding arroyos and the Rio Grande during rain storms. It is essential, therefore, that the following kinds of measures be addressed so as to prevent any contamination of surface waters: minimal disruption of soils, revegetation of areas that are exposed, proper drainage, proper storage and handling of materials such as fuels and hazardous substances, and immediate cleanup of spills and leaks as required by the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations. 10.15

Under the State of New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission "Water Quality Standards for Interstate and Intrastate Steams in New Mexico" all surface waters affected by the project must at all times meet: Section 2-108 water quality standards which apply specifically to the waters that would be affected by this project, and Section 1-101 General Water Quality Standards which apply to all surface waters in the State. Of special concern to this project area are subsections A. (Stream Bottom Deposits), B. (Floating Solids, Oil and Grease), F. (Hazardous Substances), G. (Radioactivity) and J. (Turbidity). 10.16

BR/bje

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The Penrose-St. Francis Catholic Healthcare System

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September 20, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Tom Bartol:

15.10 As a long time resident of Colorado Springs and one who knows the advantages and beauty of the area, I would strongly urge you to give consideration to the relocation of the Space Systems Division to our city.

We have a skilled work force and the ability to train and educate those persons who need to further their education. With UCCS and Pikes Peak Community College, we can assist in training or educating most levels of employees.

Our area is a delightful place to raise a family and we are blessed with good schools of both public and private variety.

Culturally, we have a wonderful Symphony, and the Pikes Peak Center has allowed many wonderful opportunities to come to our area.

As president of three of the four hospitals in the city, I can vouch for the excellence in health care that is provided by an exceptional medical staff and complimenting them, fine hospitals.

You will find our area a place of beauty and our community stimulating.

If there is anything I can do to show you the advantages of Colorado Springs, I would be most happy to do so.

Sincerely,

Sister Myra James Bradley

Sister Myra James Bradley
President and CEO

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Lt Col Tom Bartol
Director of Programs and Environmental
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, California 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

The Department of the Interior has reviewed the draft Environmental Impact Statement for closure of the Los Angeles Air Force Base, Los Angeles County, California. 15.4

We have no comments.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the document.

Sincerely,

Patrice Sanderson Port
Regional Environmental Officer

cc:
Director, OEA
Regional Director, NPS

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September 19, 1990

LTC Tom Bartol, Director
Programs and Environmental Division
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Norton AFB, California 92409-6448

Dear Sir,

15.10 Please consider this letter as a vote in favor of the relocation of Space Systems Division to Colorado Springs. We certainly do follow with interest the impact of the military community upon the local market as it always has a very positive effect on our E/A Consulting Services. Obviously, relocation of such a major component will have a measurable impact upon the local scene. We certainly see the possible relocation in nothing but a very positive vein.

Aside from the fact that potential relocation would have positive economic implications, I feel very confident that the local business community and municipal government is very capable of responding to the needs that would be generated in the areas of housing, traffic, education and personal services. Besides being a very pleasant place to live and work, Colorado Springs is home to many creative and progressive thinking individuals with an entrepreneurial spirit.

Also, be assured that we do appreciate the personal level of involvement and contribution already brought to our community by professional military personnel. Our community benefits from the positive input of military staff and would certainly see the relocation of the Space Systems Division as a welcome "people" asset to the current population.

In my opinion, the community as a whole would wholeheartedly support your relocation, the infrastructure and service segments of our community are fully capable of supporting your needs. You will find both the professional and meteorological climate to be very inviting, please do consider Colorado Springs as your new home!

Sincerely yours,
URS CONSULTANTS, INC.

George P. Voss, AIA
District Manager

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September 18, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartel
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
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Norton AFB, CA 92408-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartel:

We have heard of a proposal to relocate the Los Angeles Air Force Base, and that Colorado Springs' Peterson AFB is one of the potential sites.

As an executive of Atmel and resident here in Colorado Springs for the past 4 years, I would strongly promote the Colorado Springs area as a great city to live, work and play in. 15.10

A small town atmosphere with big city opportunity, we have had little trouble in luring qualified people to our semiconductor company. There is much in the line of educational facilities, fine arts, natural beauty, recreational opportunities, and shopping that make for a well rounded and satisfying lifestyle.

People coming from either coasts have a pleasant surprise when looking into the housing market. You get the most for your money in this area, with very reasonable utility costs.

The school systems (private and public) are strongly supported by parents and the community at large. The schools offer a wide range of academic subjects rounded out with extra curricular activities that will meet any student's interests. There are excellent colleges and vocational/technical schools to offer further educational opportunities.

I will add that I plan on making Colorado Springs my home for as long as I can. It meets all my needs and the needs of thousands of other residents here. I would welcome your call to answer any questions you might have on relocating to Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Sincerely,

Thomas D. Mino
Vice President and General Manager

cc: Wanda L. Reaves
Chamber of Commerce

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September 19, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartel
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
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Norton AFB, California 92409-6448

Gentlemen

We understand that Colorado Springs is a candidate to receive the Space Systems Division from LAAFB.

The existence of Air Force installations in the area together with excellent cultural and educational facilities would seem to make this city a natural for you.

We have a great deal of reasonably priced, high quality housing available, excellent public transportation, and great street facilities to afford pleasant commuting, or a quick scat across town.

Our climate is the best year'round that I've seen, which makes for a good number of golfable days on our many beautiful golf courses.

Long distance transportation is very well served by TWA, American, United, Continental, America West, Delta, Texas airlines.

The University of Colorado, Colorado College, Pikes Peak Community College are excellent secondary educational facilities, and the primary school systems in the area are very highly rated nationally.

The cost of living in Colorado Springs is quite reasonable compared with other areas, one reason being our cheap utility rates.

15.10 We think that once you try our ideal set up, you'll agree; Colorado Springs is it!

Rod E. Morrison

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CHEROKEE WATER

CHEROKEE WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT

P O BOX 9908 — COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80932

F. Stuart Lassiter, Manager

September 18, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director of Programs and Environmental
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Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

RE: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
PROPOSED CLOSURE LOS ANGELES AFB

Dear Colonel Bartol:

As the Manager of the Cherokee Water & Sanitation District which is currently supplying potable water to the Falcon AFB, I would like to make some comments about the draft of the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed closure of Los Angeles AFB and the relocation of the Space Systems Division.

There are some errors contained within the DEIS that we would like to bring to your attention:

1. On page 3.5-14 you indicated that the average daily demand at the Base was .002 MGD in fiscal year 1989. We believe that figure should be .235 MGD. This is calculated upon the fact that Cherokee delivered 263.488 acre feet of water during 1989. 7.13

2. The contractual obligation of Cherokee at .48 MGD equates to 537.67 acre feet annually. However, the facility has not come anywhere close to using the contractual obligation. The actual deliveries by Cherokee to Falcon AFB since inception are as follows: 7.14

1985	-	47.930
1986	-	199.526
1987	-	144.641
1988	-	212.655
1989	-	263.488
1990	-	204.356 (through August)

This is a total over the five-year period of 1,072.596 acre feet.

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10.17 3. On page 4.5-20 a statement is made to the effect that Falcon AFB uses 706 acre feet per year. Again as set forth above, this statement is simply not correct.

10.18 4. On page 4.5-21 you indicate that Cherokee Water & Sanitation District is withdrawing 14,000 acre feet annually from the Black Squirrel Creek Aquifer. Again this statement is incorrect. Cherokee's peak withdrawal in any year has not exceeded 2,760 acre feet. While there may be total withdrawals from the Basin approximating 14,000 acre feet, the majority of these withdrawals are being made by agricultural users within the Basin.

Cherokee feels strongly that it would be able to meet the projected needs of the expanded facility as set forth in the DEIS which amounts to .63 MGD or 705.69 acre feet annually; and, therefore, a few other comments need to be made:

10.19 A. Since beginning its contract with Falcon AFB in 1985, Cherokee has undertaken some significant capital improvements in order to insure water delivery to its customers. Among these has been the installation of a booster station and storage tank at Ellicott. In addition thereto, Cherokee has expanded its pumping system to the South of the Black Squirrel Basin. We are enclosing with this letter a copy of the latest U.S. Geological Survey Study dated 1988 which details the ground flows of the Alluvial Aquifer in the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Basin. As you can see from this report, there has been only minor draw down of the water table in the south part of the Basin. In addition, there is approximately 5,500 acre feet of water that is migrating southward out of the Basin each year that is not being subjected to any use whatsoever. While there may be some site specific cones of influence from well pumping, there would be no overall Basin overdrafting as stated at 2-45 and 4.5.7.1 until the 5,500 acre feet of out migration were reduced to zero.

7.7 B. Cherokee is strongly committed to the overall protection and preservation of the water resources in the Black Squirrel Basin. As part of a long-range plan, Cherokee has entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Sunset Metropolitan District to manage the water resources of Sunset in order to deliver potable water to be used within the District and to mutually cooperate regarding wastewater reuse. As you are aware, this is an existing wastewater treatment facility which would be an ideal location to handle the effluent produced by Falcon AFB. Such an arrangement certainly could go a long way in helping to recharge this important natural resource.

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In summary, Cherokee feels that the draft of the EIS is not accurate with regard to the amount of water being utilized by Falcon AFB and with regard to the amount of water that is being withdrawn from the Basin by Cherokee. Cherokee does feel confident that it can meet the projected needs of Falcon AFB and would be glad to meet with you or supply any additional information.

We thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

CHEROKEE WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT

F. Stuart Loosley
Manager

FSL:tw

Enclosure

Attachment to Document 233

GEOHYDROLOGY, WATER QUALITY, AND PRELIMINARY SIMULATIONS OF GROUND-WATER FLOW OF THE ALLUVIAL AQUIFER IN THE UPPER BLACK SQUIRREL CREEK BASIN, EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO

By David R. Buchler and Kenneth H. Watts

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Water-Resources Investigations Report 88-4017

Prepared in cooperation with the

CHEROKEE WATER DISTRICT

Denver, Colorado
1988

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Council for Promoting Senior Resources
905 Patterson Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80904-1758

September 18, 1990

Lt Col Tom Bartol, Director
Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DMP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt Col Bartol:

15.10 The Council for Promoting Senior Resources represents a wide range of senior industries in Colorado Springs and supports Peterson AFB as the site for relocation of Space Systems Division (SSD).

Many of the employees needed to support SSD activities will share in the nationally recognized need of so many other adult children of aging parents regarding the possibility of the parent desiring or needing to relocate with them. These employees and aged parents will find a vast array of resources available in our community to meet diverse and individual needs and interests.

Retirement housing opportunities abound in our region offering options ranging from independent living, congregate care, assisted living, life care and federally subsidized low-income senior apartments.

Area hospitals and nursing homes are developing specialized senior health care services, including Alzheimer's facilities, senior health centers, gero-psychiatric services, and rehabilitation programs.

Public schools, senior centers, and higher education institutions offer many courses, classes, seminars and workshop opportunities for life-long learning.

A network of six senior centers and numerous senior organizations offer recreational, social and cultural opportunities to address a broad range of interests.

Specialized banking services are available through most commercial banks and S&Ls.

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Council for Promoting Senior Resources

Our human services network is very strong and comprehensive providing supportive care for elders in their homes and maximizing independence.

The electronic and print media address the interests and needs of the older population, and their adult children.

As our society continues to experience significant growth in the aging population, the interest and need for a comprehensive infrastructure of "aging services" will increase in importance. We are proud of our community's response in both the public and private sectors to the needs of our older population. Our membership is available to assist you in any way determined necessary.

Sincerely yours,

Steve Bender, President
Age of America Associates

Jennifer LaBeau, Manager
ViewPointe

Rich Larsen, President
Colorado Senior Homes

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EMF Corporation

September 18, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Div.
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Col. Bartol:

I fully endorse moving the Space Systems Division from Los Angeles to Colorado Springs. On a much smaller scale, my company is doing the same thing. I have a business in Temecula, CA which I am in the process of moving to Colorado Springs for economic reasons. I believe we can reduce our overhead expenses by more than 30% due to housing, labor and building cost, not to mention the brain damage of traveling in the Los Angeles area. 15.10

I speak for many business people in this community and we whole heartedly welcome you to beautiful Colorado Springs!

Sincerely,

Charles T. Smith
President

c.c. Wanda Reaves
Executive V.P.
Colo. Spgs. Chamber of Commerce
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DOCUMENT 236

REGIONAL PROPERTIES, INC

September 19, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

Thank you for the opportunity to make comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Impact Statement). Regional Properties, its principals, associates and affiliates, fully supports the relocation of Space Systems Division and its supporting units to March Air Force Base, CA. Regional properties Inc., a major Riverside developer, owns Mission Grove, the master planned business and residential community contiguous to the Site 1 area of March Air Force Base and referred to in the Impact Statement as Alessandro Heights Specific Plan.

Based on our review of the Impact Statement we would like to address our comments to three (3) paragraphs in the evaluation of March AFB on page 2-26 under 2.4.2.1. Site 1.

13.5 1. SITING CONSTRAINTS AND REQUIREMENTS. The Impact Statement says that "development of portions of Site 1 may be restricted or limited" due to the Stephens Kangaroo Rat that is on a federal list of endangered species. In conducting a comprehensive survey of over 550 acres of Mission Grove, the biology firm of RBR & Associates, Inc. determined "The Stephens Kangaroo Rat does not occur in areas easterly of Trautwein Road with the exception of a single individual located adjacent to a proposed open space." It is our observation that, finding just ONE (1) K-Rat in 550 acres on our property, the same finding could exist on the property next to us.

3.6 2. ACCESSIBILITY. The Impact Statement only discusses the existing accessibility from Cactus Ave., on the east, however, we would like to point out two additional means of possible access to Site 1.

(1) Barton St. via Alessandro Blvd. would provide good access to Site 1 since Barton is only 1200 feet long and is improved to Air Force property near Site 1. If necessary, Regional Properties could dedicate necessary land to improve Barton.

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(2) Since the common property line between Mission Grove and March AFB is almost a mile long there is ample opportunity to design roads within our development to accommodate access to Site 1 via Mission Grove Parkway from Alessandro Blvd. or Trautwein Rd. 3.6

1. ADJACENT LAND USES. Mission Grove is comprised of land uses that will support the many off-base subcontractors and their families moving into the area.

(1) Industrial & Office property. There is approximately 292 acres zoned M P (light industrial). We are now completing the infrastructure of streets and utilities on the 55 acre, first phase of Mission Grove Business Park, providing fully improved parcels from 1 to 10 acres. Within the Business Park we have just pulled building permits for a 72,000 square foot business center consisting of seven (7) buildings on a 7 acre parcel. 5.4

(2) Commercial property. Development is underway on Mission Grove Plaza, a 42 acre, 400,000 square foot shopping center anchored by K Mart, Ralph's Food Store and Payless Drugs. Anticipated completion is Fall of 1991.

(3) Residential property. Presently completed are 128 units of Mission Grove Gardens Apartments with an additional 200 units to begin construction immediately. There is also additional residential property (zoned R3-30) within Mission Grove to accommodate another 650 units presently being master planned.

In summary, Regional Properties strongly supports the move of Space Systems Division to March AFB and believes that any impact questions can be mitigated without serious problems and that the requirements for SSD can be met effectively. We look forward to the prospect of having SSD move to March Air Force Base. 15.10

Best Regards,

John E. Glasgow

See Document 83 for attachment to Document 236.

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TRI-STATE GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION ASSOCIATION, INC.
1100 Grant Street PO Box 33695 Denver Colorado 80233 (303) 452-6111

September 20, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Div.
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, California 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

15.10 We understand that the U.S. Air Force is considering Peterson and Falcon Air Force Bases as possible locations for the Space Systems Division which may move from Los Angeles AFB. We wish to encourage such a move.

Tri-State Generation & Transmission is the wholesale association which provides all the electric power to Mountain View Electric Association, the cooperative which distributes power to Falcon Air Force Base.

Tri-State obtains its power from two primary sources: federal hydropower and coal-fired power plants. The coal which fuels these plants is derived from coal mines in Colorado and Wyoming and is cleaner, low-sulfur coal. The power plants are new, have state-of-the-art pollution control equipment and exceed the federal emission standards. We believe that we will be able to meet new requirements of the 1990 Clean Air Act without changing our operations or adding new technologies.

Because Tri-State has surplus generation beyond what our member systems need, we have been marketing the excess power off-system to other regional utilities. Supplying a significant electric load such as the Space Systems Division would be beneficial to area consumers by helping to keep wholesale costs stable.

Since Mountain View Electric provides service to Falcon AFB, the need for additional power lines to the SSD facility would be minimized. This would substantially reduce any environmental impacts of providing additional service to the area.

As the enclosed 1989 annual report describes, Tri-State's wholesale rates, in fact, have been declining or stable over the last five years. We anticipate that this will continue well into the future. This is certainly good news to potential Mountain View customers.

Not only is the Colorado Springs area one of the most scenic in the state, the cost and quality of living makes it one of the most desirable in the country. Plentiful, low-cost, reliable electricity is just one of many compelling reasons for the Air Force to relocate the Space Systems Division to the Falcon Air Force Base.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if Tri-State can provide additional information. Thank you for considering Colorado.

Sincerely,

Frank Knutson
General Manager

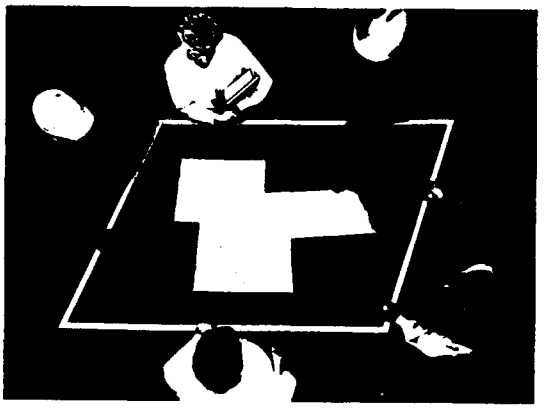
Enclosures

cc: Wanda L. Reeves, Colo. Spgs. Chamber
John Rohr, Mountain View Electric Assn.

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Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association, Inc.



"1989 was an outstanding year for Tri-State in all financial areas..."

1989 Annual Report

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28346 W. Worcester Rd.
Sun City, CA 92381
September 21, 1990

Lt. Col.Tom Bartol, Director of Programs and Environmental,
AFRCE-BMS/DEP.
Norton AFB,
California 92409-6448

My name is Henry Wagner. Sun City, CA is my home. I'm a retired aero-space engineer and a veteran of world war 2. During the late '50's I worked on the U.S. Air Force Atlas Weapon System in San Diego and during the 1960's I worked on the Minute Man weapon System at Cape Canaveral, FL.

15.7 The Air Force should not move its Space Systems Division, nor its Ballistic Missile Organization to March Air Force Base because MAFB is a target for enemy surprise attack as were attacks on Pearl Harbor, Hiroshima, Nagasaki, Granada, Libya, Panama, and the American embassy in Tehran.

Pearl Harbor was attacked because it was the base for refueling tankers which made it possible for fighting ships to stay at sea or reach distant targets and return. MAFB tankers make it possible for bombers, fighters and transport aircraft to reach distant targets such as Granada, Libya, Panama and Iran.

At Pearl Harbor conventional bombs were dropped and killed or wounded approximately 3,000 navy and military personnel. At Hiroshima and Nagasaki atom bombs were dropped. One atom bomb killed, wounded or vaporized 130 thousand people in Hiroshima. One atom bomb on Nagasaki killed, wounded or vaporized 60 thousand men, women and children.

Our surprise attacks on Granada, Libya and Panama were made possible by use of tanker aircraft for refueling bomber aircraft in-flight. Our enemies will want to destroy our tanker aircraft first in their future surprise attacks.

A surprise attack on U.S. Marine Headquarters by a Suicide terrorist at Beirut Airport killed 241 Marines and sailors. March Air Force Base could be attacked with a nuclear bomb.

Our strategic planners should protect our Space Systems Division, our Ballistic Missile Organization, SAC and MAFB by keep[ing] them away from the [illegible] our great cities away from the people in the cities of Moreno Valley and Riverside and all other cities.

March Airforce Base is the largest single source of air pollution and noise in Riverside County. The Air Force should not relocate additional motor vehicles, aircraft or personnel at MAFB.

Sincerely,

Henry Wagner

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901 East Cherry, Lompoc CA., 93436
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Col. Tom Bartol, Director
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB 92409-6448

Monday, Sept. 17, 1990

Dear Col Bartol,

I got your address from a Letter-to-the-editor written by a Mr. John J. Marton. It was published in the September 10, 1990, issue of the Lompoc Record.

I hope the address is not as fuzzy as the thinking in the remainder of Marton's letter. It appears to me that the editor judiciously picked it out of other letters opposing his (the editor's) own approval of the proposed expansion of Vandenberg *Air Force Base. It is magnificently long-winded and undocumented.*

Like Marton, I am a retired, frustrated old has-been with little to do with my time except write letters. Unlike Marton, I use quantitative terms if accurate quantitave data are available. I studiously avoid vague exaggerations like ". . Many thousands . ." ". . .great profits. . ." ". . population flooding plan. . ." etc.

Having lived in Lompoc since 1980, I have seen an orderly development that has created the ". .enjoyable life style. ." that nowadays seems to elude Mr. Marton. The same schedule of orderly development was in full swing at the time of the January 1986 shuttle disaster, when we anticipated a population growth whose exact rate I don't know, except that it would have been significant greater than that which will be caused by the current controversial proposal to move military personnel from Norton to Vandenberg.

The move, of course, will introduce problems, as such a move would anywhere. The problems are solvable, probably much more so here in Lompoc than in any alternative site. In particular, you may be pleasantly surprised to find that Burton Mesa area sits atop a perched water table - probably the only site you have under consideration offering such a developable resource. 15.10

Please get your facts and think this matter through on your own. You will not be ". . toadying. ." to business interests.

Sincerely
Joseph S. Carey
retired civil engineer

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* Correction - pack then 9-19-90 :

Fire picked water table was mentioned in a report given to newspaper about 2 years ago. I do not remember if it was in the Planning "monthly update source" or other source (monthly update in actual packet - i.e. monthly update SB source).

Better check this item before showing you work out.

sincerely,

Joe Carey

Attachment to Document 239

Letters to the Editor

Open letter

Editor,

The following open letter has been sent concerning the Pandora burn evacuation. Your readers with similar views are requested to also send their letters to the following addresses: Col. Tom Bartel, Director, Programs and Environmental Division, AFRCE-BMS/DEP, Norton AFB 92409-6448.

This letter is to express the total opposition to the proposed expansion of Vandenberg AFB with many thousands of new people. Lompoc is already overdeveloped. The evidence is shown in the crime and desperate conditions in local water shortage, crowded schools and horrendous traffic congestion.

When you enter a happy town with an enjoyable life style less to assess 10 years been converted by developers into a crowded and congested urban problem with crime conditions in above mentioned areas. The root of the problem is the great profits that developers, realtors and the local businessmen want to receive. Sadly, their greed dictates them over any consideration responsibility for solving the problems and they have created.

But what about the alleged support by the throngs at the well-staged shows at Santa Maria and at Cabrillo High School in Lompoc? I hope that you noticed that every realtor, developer, business entrepreneur and local politician that wishes to benefit was represented by local and vocal members. I hope that you noticed that all attempts to raise conversation issues were booed down. The statement by one spokesman that Burton Mesa chaparral are weeds that should be pulled out and Stevens camp was a classic example of the local thinking of our business community. Clearly, their greedy and selfish ambitions are considerations for the simple people that have to live in the town and suffer their consequences of our environment problems.

Unfortunately, local voters and residents are exceedingly passive and complacent only when the crime becomes unbearable is the town stirred to action and vocal. When money is on the line, they do their homework and act vocally. The staged performances at Cabrillo High School was a fine example.

However, should you go north with the proposed doubling plans of our local area, the unfortunate unconscionable consequences would not only worsen the local problems but would add a hardship to the new residents as well. An influx of many tens of thousands people to this area would be unacceptable. An enlargement of only 30 percent in Lompoc's population would bring our water, school and traffic problems to dangerous proportions.

Col. Bartel, I urge you to consider a close with the views of the long-time residents, the existing problems being suffered by the less vocal residents and voters. There are many other fine alternatives to the Lompoc-Santa Maria area. Please take environmental and life-style conditions into your considerations.

I think and commend the Lompoc Record for allowing views divergent from their own to be published.

John J. Morton
Lompoc

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Public Welfare or Chaparral?

On the fourteenth day of May this year there were thirteen voters trying to the wind in a Santa Barbara News Press / AP article about the potential danger of wild fires. Showing their efforts to burning "the energy of Hiroshima." The danger, they said comes from the dense, dry, diseased brush called 'chaparral,' which grows prolifically on our hillsides, canyons and mesas in the areas immediately surrounding Santa Barbara County houses as well as in many areas throughout the State of California.

The chaparral of our Burton Mesa area is proclaimed 'rare' by environmental biologists within the County because of its unique plant state. County fire officials warn, the threats we find is not the loss of plants, but the *loss of human life and property* due to wild fires starting in the natural dense habitat areas. According to Los Angeles County Fire Captain, Sean Franklin, "A pound of chaparral is equal to a cup of gasoline." In areas of dense growth, County fire officials estimate the effects of burning chaparral to have the equivalent energy of approximately 7,500 gallons of gasoline, per acre.

The *reality of wild fire* occurring in your backyard can be witnessed by driving to Santa Barbara over 154 downs Cathedral Oaks Road across 101 to Mission Road and Hollister Avenue. Looking over the park where the fires surrounded, you can clear at once by diverse conservation and a change in the wind that Hope Ranch was not burned to the ground. The people whose properties were destroyed live a nervous only a few can truly understand. When you think about it you realize, deep down, there could be no better example that preservation to good only when it does not hold the public welfare as a hostage.

We *should* be asking ourselves: *What does it take* for these fortresses enough to use the puzzling contemplate of fire to join together? And equally pressing: What does it take to mobilize the citizens to hostage our elected officials that the *safety of our children* and our lives and property come first?

How many of you are truly willing to *speak out* to challenge our elected officials into acknowledging the differences between chaparral preservations and the potential for wild fires and that the residents and businesses are more valuable resource than 'weeds.'

The *silent majority* must band together and set the issues straight. Protection of our homes and businesses is a responsibility we put in the hands of our governmental officials. In so and best were then aware of the people we elected and entrusted to public office are following a biased minority of single minded interests, and failing to assess sensitivity for maintaining the community as a safe place for all to live, work, shop, educate and recreate. The whole chaparral issue has been examined by Santa Barbara County Planning Commission from a 3,000 acre "study" to an 8,000 acre "taking" of private property. 5,000 acres of *explosive chaparral* surrounding our homes!

We need to reassess on top of the issues relating to chaparral preservation in Santa Barbara County. We should not be persuaded to *forget the effects of wild fires* spreading to our homes and businesses and schools to rest and as devastating as occurred in Santa Barbara on June 21, 1990. Keep an eye out for newspaper notices, call the Santa Barbara Planning Commission, 737-7773 ext. 2006, 2014, 2060, and ask to be put on their mailing list for public notices relating to all aspects of the 'chaparral plans and ordinances.' Call your Supervisor Mr. Dixon Owens at 737-7700. If you can't talk, leave a number for them to call you back. And most of all tell them you want safety preserved over plant habitat: a plants habitat can grow back after wild fire; but a persons life, home and possessions cannot.

The next *public hearing will be September 4, 1990* at 2:00p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, fourth floor, County Administration Building, 105 E. Anapamu St., Santa Barbara.

Citizens for Safety of Life and Property

Attachment to Document 239

Drought leaves California ripe for a catastrophic fire season

LOS ANGELES - A four-year drought and a mysterious fungus are killing the chaparral, the dense brush that blankets the hills of Southern California, leaving a tinder-dry with a potential for fires with "the energy of Hiroshima."

Officials fear this summer could be the worst fire season in decades.

Fire season was declared weeks early in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties, and will be declared today for the rest of Southern California, said Doug Allen of the California Department of Forestry. Rainfall in the region so far this year measures about 30 percent of normal, which is about 15.5 inches.

"It is the driest we have seen in my 33 years in the fire service," said Los Angeles Deputy Fire Chief Donald F. Armstrong. He has ordered fire fighters to assemble plastic pipe so they can pump water from home swimming pools.

Especially alarming is a fungus that preys on drought-weakened brush, killing as much as 65 percent of it in parts of the mountain Santa Monica and San Gabriel mountains, said Phillip J. Reggen, a U.S. Forest Service scientist.

Mountain lilac, manzanita, sumac, California holly and even oak trees all have been afflicted, leaving gray branches of dead wood on mountains and canyons.

A pound of chaparral has about the same energy as a cup of gasoline, said the Los Angeles County Fire Capt. Scott Franklin. In areas of dense growth, fire officials estimate the chaparral at more than 80 tons per acre, he said.

"We're talking about the energy of Hiroshima," he added.

The fungus, leptosphaeria elata, appears to act like an opportunistic disease on already stressed brush. At some elevations, the dead bushes look like "a fashion ring around the Los Angeles basin," suggesting a link to air pollution, which is held to contain substances by which plants can ward off disease, Reggen said.

"If people saw this kind of mortality in forests, they'd be really upset," Reggen added. "The area is ripe for a huge fire."

But then, the forests are dying, too. Drought-stressed trees are ravaged by bark beetles, with most of the pines dead in some stands, Reggen said.

A worst-case scenario that Anthony and other fire officials often add is the 1961 Bel-Air wild fire, which destroyed 484 homes and injured 165 fire fighters.

Damage was estimated at $30 million, but Anthony noted " Most of those homes were valued between $30,000 and $70,000 at that time. I somewhat doubt that there are many homes there now valued at less than $650,000. That same fire today could certainly run into the billions of dollars.

"Conditions this year are worse," fire officials said, and many recreation developments in Southern California have reopened late by pushing deep into scenic canyons and brushy hills.

Every spring, homeowners are ordered to clear the brush surrounding their homes for at least 100 feet, but that won't help much in the face of a major fire, officials said.

On a recent trip through the San Gabriel Mountains above the La Crescenta Peninsula, Franklin looked down from a fire road to mostly cottages on narrow streets joined across bridges of Whitney Canyon.

"That's the threat, right there," he said. "We've got whole communities that are at risk. We've got to start educating people that we've got a serious problem."

"It's not something that people are real very interested in," said Jean Forster, a La Crescenta-Montrose City Council member who has a $1.2 million dollar mountain home nestled at the city's border with the Angeles National Forest.

"Of course, you're aware of it when you pay your fire insurance," Forster said. The premiums for her 3,000-square-foot home is $3,200 a year.

By Bruce V. Bigelow
Associated Press • 9/14/90

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VANDENBERG VILLAGE
COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Pride in Community Involvement

September 20, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA. 92409-6448

Dear Col. Bartol:

Subject: *DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT*

These comments pertain to the subject for the proposed closure of the Los Angeles Air Force Base and relocation of the Space Systems Division (SSD).

I offered some of the comments during the public hearing held on August 28, 1990 at Cabrillo High School in Vandenberg Village. However, I wish to elaborate on my original comments and to offer some additional suggestions which was not possible at that meeting because of the constraints of the limitations on time permitted for each speaker.

10.25 Table 3.3.7-1 page 3.3-20

The recharge rate should be 33,000 A.F./Y for the Lompoc Plain/Upland Basin.

10.26 Paragraph 4.3.7.1 page 4.3-18

It is recognized herein that the proposed action would result in a significant adverse impact on the groundwater resources. However, the consequences of this impact should be enumerated and evaluated, such as:

The water table would be drawn down more rapidly. This would result in:

1. More rapid deterioration in the quality of the

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remaining groundwater thus increasing the cost of water purification which in turn, would result in an increase in the monthly charges to the local residents.

2. Increase the rate of intrusion of salt water into the aquifer with a consequent deteriorating impact on the well water and livelihood of the downstream ranchers.

3. Any supplementary source of water is many years away. Thus, this proposed relocation could result in such an additional demand on our severely overdrafted aquifers (see table 3.3.7-1) that a critical situation would be created for the surrounding communities. For example, Santa Barbara County has not permitted any new housing construction in Vandenberg Village for the last several years. 10.26

4. The fact that our local aquifers are severely overdrafted is illustrated on table 3.3.7-1 on page 3.3-20. This reveals that the Lompoc Plain aquifer and the Uplands aquifer are overdrafted 9,000 acre-feet/year. The City of Lompoc extracts its water from the Lompoc Plain aquifer, whereas the Uplands aquifer is the source for the two unincorporated communities of Vandenberg Village and Mission Hills/Mesa Oaks.

One limitation imposed by the State regarding water from the Coastal Aqueduct is that the initial portion of the water must be used to offset the existing overdraft. Once this requirement has been satisfied, then the remaining surplus can be considered for use for new developments.

The County of Santa Barbara has established a meaningful policy for the unincorporated areas. This policy which is contained in the Conservation Element of the Comprehensive Plan states, essentially, that we must live and plan within

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currently available resources. Thus, this unincorporated community, and others, would not be able to expand to accommodate additional residents until we have increased our underground water resources.

I wish to express our appreciation to the Air Force for holding these public meetings, and for the preparation of a most complete Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Sincerely,

Howard E. Grantz
President, Board of Directors

cc Roger W. Grotz

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RELOCATION REALTRONICS, INC.
"We Provide the Connections"

September 18, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Col. Bartol:

We would be honored to have Space Systems Division relocate to Peterson AFB, Colorado. We appreciate the military presence in Colorado Springs as an integral part of our community and our economy. We whole-heartedly support this proposed relocation. 15.10

In participating in the Air Force Relocation Assistance Program, military personnel have expressed why they consider assignments to Colorado Springs a prime assignment:

- Quality of life and environment
- Affordable housing
- Affordable cost of living
- High educational standards
- Scenic surroundings
- Numerous recreational activities

Our goals in serving the needs of military personnel are as follows:

- Simplify the relocation process for your transferring personnel with cost point of contact for each services.
- Relieve the stress experienced by transferring personnel when moving to a new community by addressing the individual needs of each family.
- Provide the highest level of service from the finest businesses.
- Provide savings to your personnel to ease the financial burden associated with transfers.
- Continued follow-up with your personnel to assist in family adjustment.

Relocation Realtronics, Inc. was created to serve the needs of relocating personnel. We were invited to participate in the Air Force Relocation Assistance Test Program in July, 1988; and we are currently servicing the needs of relocating military families as a participant in the permanent program. We pledge our support in facilitating the relocation of personnel from Los Angeles Air Force Base to Peterson Air Force Base with the highest level of service available to your personnel!

Sincerely,

Harry A. Saltzman
PRESIDENT

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Written Comment Sheet

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base And Relocation of Space Systems Division

Vandenberg AFB

THE ENLARGEMENT OF VANDENBERG AFB WOULD IN SUCH A LARGE SCALE CREATE AN ECONOMIC BURDEN ON THE LOCAL TAXPAYERS IN THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. THE AIR FORCE SPEAKERS STATED OPENLY THAT THE AIR FORCE WOULD NOT HELP PAY FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SUCH AS WATER SUPPLIES, ROADS, SEWER SYSTEMS ENLARGEMENT, POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION, JAILS, OR WELFARE COSTS. IN THE SPRING OF 1990 THE LOMPOC AREA RAN OUT OF FIELDS TO PRACTICE LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL, AND AGAIN THIS FALL THE LOMPOC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS LIMITED FIELD AVAILABILITY FOR SOCCER GAMES AND PRACTICE. CURRENTLY ONLY THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA PROVIDES A PUBLIC PARAMEDIC AMBULANCE IN THE AREA. THE 1989 ESTIMATES TO OBTAIN WATER FOR THIS TYPE OF GROWTH IS FOR MISSION HILLS (1.83), V. VILLAGE (2.196), AND THE CITY OF LOMPOC (18.4) AS A TOTAL OF $ 18.9 MILLION. OUR CHILDREN WILL BE PAYING FOR THIS EXPANSION IN BOTH REDUCED OPPORTUNITIES FOR BASIC SERVICES AND INCREASED BURDENS FINANCIALLY FOR MANY MANY YEARS. 1.8

- Thank You For Your Comments -

Name KEVIN D. MOORE

Address 225 GALAXY LOMPOC, CA 93436
Street Address City/State/Zip Code

Please hand this form in or mail to: Director
Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base CA 92409-6448

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Written Comment Sheet

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base And Relocation of Space Systems Division

Vandenberg AFB

THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF BASE EXPANSION IN REGARDS TO OVER DRAFTING OF THE LOMPOC BASIN, SEWER DISCHARGE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL, HAZARDOUS MATERIAL TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL, AIR QUALITY IMPACTS, WET LAND DISTRUCTION, CHEMICAL DISTRUCTION, AND POTENTIAL THREATS TO LOCAL ENDANGERED SPECIES CANNOT BE MITIGATED. GROWTH ON SUCH A MASSIVE SCALE WOULD DAMAGE THIS AREAS FRAGILE ENVIRONMENT. 15.17

- Thank You For Your Comments -

Name KEVIN D. MOORE

Address 225 GALAXY Wy. LOMPOC CA 93436
Street Address City/State/Zip Code

Please hand this form in or mail to: Director
Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base CA 92409-6448

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SCAG
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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September 20, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director of Programs and Environmental
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, California 92409-6448

RE: Draft EIS for the Proposed Closure of the Los Angeles AFB

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

Thank you for submitting the Draft EIS for the Proposed Closure of the Los Angeles AFB to SCAG for review and comment. As areawide clearinghouse for regionally significant projects, SCAG assists cities, counties and other agencies to review projects and plans for consistency with the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), the Regional Mobility (RMP), Growth Management (GMP), and Air Quality Management (AQMP) Plans.

The attached comments are meant to provide guidance for completing the proposed project within the context of our regional goals and plans, which are based in part upon state and federal mandates. While neither the project sponsor nor the lead agency is required to undertake the specific actions recommended by SCAG or other agencies through the Inter-Governmental Review Process, there are requirements in state and federal laws for consistency with regional goals and plans.

If you have any questions about the attached comments, please contact Todd Beeler, (213) 236-1886, or Cindy Kroes, (213) 236-1843. They will be happy to work with you to address the comments presented herein and, if necessary, develop a mitigation plan which meets regional, state and federal requirements.

Sincerely,

Anne Baker

ANNE BAKER
Director of Environmental Planning

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SCAG Comments on Draft EIS for Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AFB

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

Description:

Closure and relocation of the Los Angeles AFB and the realigned BMO at Norton AFB in San Bernardino.

Findings:

The proposed base closure actions would result in a loss of approximately 17,000 direct and secondary jobs and 578 units of military housing in Los Angeles County (Santa Monica Bay Subregion) and of 8,700 direct and indirect jobs in San Bernardino County. The total projected outmigration would be 25,000 in Los Angeles County and 11,300 in San Bernardino. These numbers constitute a worst case scenario and could be reduced to varying degrees depending on the relocation alternative chosen.

The actions could lead to better job/housing balance in the Santa Monica Bay subregion but could have a negative impact on the regional and subregional economy. Since changes in local land use patterns would occur only in the context of re-use and development plans, the impacts on subregional job/housing balance cannot be assessed at this time.

Recommendations:

The EIRs prepared for the relocation of the Los Angeles AFB to the Inland Empire should be sent to SCAG for review and comment. 2.5

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Environmental Defense Center
• Public Interest Environmental Law and Education •
906 Garden Street, Suite 2 • Santa Barbara, CA 93101 • (805) 963-1622

September 21, 1990

Lt. Colonel Tom Bartol
Director of Programs and Environmental
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

RE: Draft Environmental Impact Statement on Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base and Relocation of Headquarters Space Systems Division and Appropriate Supporting Units

Dear Colonel Bartol:

Please accept these comments on the above-referenced document. These comments are limited to aspects of the EIS relating to Vandenberg Air Force Base and the North Santa Barbara County area.

Section 3.3.3.1:

6.23 The last paragraph in this section states: "Projected traffic volumes were based on an estimated 1.5 to 2 percent increase in traffic annually." No basis for this projection is stated. How were the figures 1.5 to 2 percent obtained? Further, in Table 3.3.3-1, existing traffic conditions are compared with "projected conditions" without stating a year for which the projections are made. When would the projected conditions be expected to occur? How long would they be expected to remain? Would they deteriorate thereafter? Some elaboration is clearly called for here, as well as a citation of the source of the information.

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Section 3.3.4.1:

7.15 The first paragraph in this section, referring to the water treatment system of the City of Santa Maria, states: "Future demand is projected to increase to 77 and 81 percent in 1996 and 1997, respectively." The next paragraph, referring to the water treatment system of the City of Lompoc, states: "Future demand is projected to increase to 91 percent and 93 percent in 1996 and 1997, respectively." No basis for either of these projections is stated. What is their source?

7.16 The third paragraph of this section states that Vandenberg AFB's present demand for water from its own groundwater sources is expected to remain constant. This assertion is difficult to accept. Would not the increase in the number of base personnel cause an increase in demand for water? For the same reason, would not the Vandenberg AFB wastewater flows shown in Table 3.3.4-1 be expected to increase, rather than remain constant?

7.17 In addition, the projected increases in water demand and wastewater flows for Santa Maria and Lompoc shown in Table 3.3.4-1 are based on estimated population increases in those cities; notes 1 and 2 in this Table explain that these projections are based on "per capita per day" figures. However, the population increases forming the basis of

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these calculations are not stated. Please state the population increase figures and the source of this information. 7.17

The last paragraph in Section 3.3.4.1 leaves out some important considerations regarding the California State Water Project. This paragraph states: "Construction of the pipeline is anticipated to begin in 1992." However, the draft environmental impact report for the project, released in June 1990, states (at page 33) that the Coastal Branch would likely be completed in the year 2000, and that the year 2010 is when the state water project would approach its maximum annual water entitlement. Thus, the state water project cannot realistically be regarded as even a partial source of water supply for the Vandenberg AFB area for at least the next ten years, and perhaps not for twenty years. Moreover, when considering the possibility of construction delays due to bureaucratic red tape, funding difficulties, potential litigation, and/or other problems, the actual delivery of state water would appear even more remote in time. 10.2

Section 3.3.4.2:

The first paragraph in this section states that projected wastewater flows are 91 and 93 percent of capacity in 1996 and 1997, respectively. Again, the basis for these figures is not stated. How were they obtained? 7.15

Section 3.3.4.3:

This section does not adequately consider the issue of solid waste generated by Vandenberg AFB. The last sentence in the last paragraph implies that the base would conform to state legislation (AB 939) requiring municipalities to reduce solid waste generation by specified percentages in future years. However, state legislation is not binding on the air force. Thus, there is no assurance that the base will in fact make any effort to reduce its waste in conformance with the legislation. What will the base do with its waste when its landfill is full? 7.18

Section 3.3.4.4:

The first paragraph in this section states: "Projected demand is based upon an expected growth rate of 2.5 to 3.0 percent." How were these figures obtained? The same paragraph states that sources outside the region can meet an increased demand for electricity. Please identify these sources and state the basis for asserting that they will be able to meet an increased demand. 7.19

The last paragraph in this section, addressing natural gas, makes no projection as to future consumption of this resource and how the future demand might be met. 7.20

Table 3.3.7-1:

The second and fifth figures in the overdraft column appear to be incorrect; should not these figures read "35,000" and "68,010" respectively? 7.25

Section 4.2.2.1:

The first paragraph on page 4.3-7 is confusing and illogical. First it states that the lack of available developable land in the vicinity of Lompoc will limit the new off-base 5.10

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5.10 population residing in the Lompoc area to about 10 percent of the total new off-base population. Then it states that this demand would reduce available residential land by only about 30 percent. These two statements appear to be inconsistent. If about 70 percent of the developable residential land will still be available after only 10 percent of the new off-base population moves to available developable land in the Lompoc area, what will prevent some portion of the remaining 90 percent of the new off-base population from moving to this remaining 70 percent of available land? There does not appear to be any logical reason to expect the percentage of the new off-base population choosing to reside in Lompoc to be limited to 10 percent. At a higher (and potentially much higher) percentage of the new off-base population choosing to reside in Lompoc, there will certainly be extreme pressure on the local jurisdictions to rezone prime agricultural land and/or environmentally sensitive land for residential use.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely yours,

Environmental Defense Center

By: _____
Jeffrey S. Alford
Attorney at Law

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South Coast
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September 24, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director of Programs and Environmental
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

RE: Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AFB, and Relocation of Space Systems Division

SCAQMD#900810-04

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base (AFB), and Relocation of Space Systems Division (SSD) to March AFB. District staff concludes that this project has the potential to produce positive air quality benefits. This is because commuter vehicle trips may be reduced, resulting in lower project-related mobile source emissions, and any relocated stationary source equipment will be required to install best available control technology, which will result in lower air pollutant emissions. The District does request, however, that a more detailed air quality analysis be included in the final environmental document to further refine the impact analysis and identify mitigation measures. 11.34

The SCAQMD is responsible for adopting, implementing, and enforcing air quality regulations within its jurisdiction, which includes Los Angeles and Riverside counties (as well as Orange County and the South Coast Air Basin portion of San Bernardino County). As a responsible agency, SCAQMD reviews and analyzes environmental documents for projects that may generate significant adverse air quality impacts. In this capacity, the SCAQMD advises the lead agency

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project consists of the total closure of Los Angeles AFB including the Federally Funded Research and Development Center, the Lawndale Annex, Fort MacArthur, and Pacific Crest military family housing in San Pedro; total closure of the Ballistic Missile Operations in San Bernardino; and the relocation of Los Angeles and San Bernardino SSD's to one of five possible locations within and outside of California. The proposed action would begin in FY 1993 and be completed by the end of FY 1996.

The analysis contained in the Draft EIS considers the relocation of the SSDs to one of six different sites within and outside of California, and includes a "no action alternative." SCAQMD staff analysis of this project is confined to the alternative in which the SSDs would be relocated to March AFB because this site is within the SCAQMD's jurisdiction.

SHORT-TERM AIR QUALITY IMPACTS

11.35 The Draft EIS discusses short-term air quality impacts consisting primarily of construction-related emissions, i.e., soil disturbance (fugitive dust) and construction vehicle emissions. The Draft EIS quantifies aggregate construction emissions, but does not quantify separately emissions from heavy-duty construction equipment and emissions from clearing and grading activities. Quantifying each emission source separately would help in identifying and preparing appropriate mitigation measures. While these emissions should be reduced to levels of insignificance by dust suppression measures, as stated in the Draft EIS, other specific mitigation measures are offered (refer to attachment).

11.36 The Draft EIS states "...the project emissions for all pollutants are less than one percent of the county emissions. Therefore, the air quality impacts from project construction activities would not be significant" (see page 4.4-20). This conclusion is inappropriate. For example, staff estimates that emissions of nitrogen oxides (NO_x) will be 279 pounds per day (based on a six-day work week) which exceeds the SCAQMD's threshold of significance for NO_x of 100 pounds per day. Also, the air quality analysis does not discuss the localized impact of PM_{10} emitting activities. The Draft EIS should identify all air quality impacts and determine the level of mitigation necessary to reduce these impacts to less than significant levels. This is especially important in the South Coast Air Basin which is a nonattainment area for four of six criteria pollutants.

LONG-TERM AIR QUALITY IMPACTS

Stationary Source Impacts

11.37 Removal of stationary source equipment from existing locations will benefit air quality. All relocated equipment will be subject to Regulation XIII, New Source Review, which

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should further reduce emissions from these sources. However, this is not discussed in the Draft EIS. 11.37

Mobile Source Impacts

Carbon monoxide (CO) from project-related motor-vehicle traffic is the only long-term air quality impact identified in the Draft EIS. According to the analysis in the Draft EIS (Section 4.4, March Air Force Base), the proposed project would increase peak morning and afternoon traffic by approximately 4,600 vehicles, i.e., will generate an additional 4,600 vehicle trips (VT). The Draft EIS assumes current ambient concentrations of CO are 13 ppm (see page 4.4-20). The additional VT generated by the proposed project is projected to increase maximum hourly concentrations of CO by 12.2 ppm to 16.3 ppm (depending on the site chosen for relocation), resulting in ambient CO concentrations of 25.2 to 29.3 ppm. Although the project-related CO emissions would not contribute to an exceedance of the federal ambient air quality standard for CO which is 35 parts per million (ppm), it would contribute to an exceedance of the state standard (20 ppm). Indirect source air quality impacts from the proposed project would, therefore, be significant because the Basin is a nonattainment area for CO and the project will contribute to exceedances of the state CO standard. 11.38

The mobile source impacts identified in the preceding paragraph can be greatly reduced by incorporating a number of transportation management proposals into the project. For example, a transportation management organization should be created to encourage ridesharing, vanpooling, incentives to use mass transit systems, configure parking to minimize traffic interference, etc. These programs should be made a condition of approval for the project and should be implemented by affected local jurisdictions. Refer to the attachment for additional mobile source emission mitigation measures. 11.39

Jobs/Housing Balance

The proposed project has the potential to improve the jobs/housing balance in the March AFB subregion. The SCAQMD does request, however, that the proponents include a detailed analysis of jobs-housing balance in the Final EIS, including more information on how the project may reduce VTs. 11.40

CONCLUSION

District staff concludes that this project has the potential to produce positive air quality benefits because of potential reductions in mobile and stationary source air pollutant emissions. However, a more detailed analysis of air quality issues should be included in the final document. SCAQMD staff recommends that all mitigation measures identified in this letter and all other mitigation measures that are subsequently identified be included in the Final EIS. The California Environmental Quality Act 11.41

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11.41 (CEQA) requires Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plans (MMRP) be prepared for environmental documents which stipulate mitigation measures. The MMRP ensures mitigation measures are implemented. Although National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) does not require MMRPs, District staff encourages preparation of such a plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Jack P. Broadbent, Planning Manager, at (818) 307-1519.

Sincerely,

Jack P Broadbent for BRW

Barry R. Wallerstein, D.Env.
Director of Planning

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Attachment

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Attachment

Potential Mitigation Measures

Minimize Emissions During Construction Activities

- Water site and equipment morning and evening.
- Spread soil binders on site, unpaved roads and parking areas.
- Operate street-sweepers on paved roads adjacent to site.
- Reestablish ground cover on construction site through seeding and watering.

Reduce Construction Equipment Emissions

- Wash off trucks leaving site.
- Keep construction equipment properly tuned.

Reduce Construction-Related Traffic Congestion

- Provide rideshare incentives for construction personnel.
- Provide transit incentives for construction personnel.
- Configure construction parking to minimize traffic interference.
- Minimize obstruction of through-traffic lanes.
- Provide a flagperson to ensure safety at construction sites.
- Schedule operations affecting roadways for off-peak traffic hours.

Limit Emissions From Vehicle Trips, Vehicle Miles Traveled and Roadway Construction

- Establish a Transportation Management Plan according to Regulation XV.
- Provide commuter rideshare incentives.
- Provide commuter transit incentives.
- Provide merchant transit incentives.
- Establish a program of alternative work schedules.
- Establish a telecommuting program.
- Schedule goods transport for off-peak traffic hours.
- Contribute funding to local shuttle and regional transit systems.
- Provide dedicated turn lanes as appropriate.
- Provide incentives for alternative fuels.
- Provide transit shelters.
- Provide bicycle lanes, storage areas and amenities.
- Limit on-street parking.

Attachment to Document 245

Minimize Indirect-Source Emissions

- o Implement energy conservation measures beyond state and local requirements.
- o Install low-polluting and high-efficiency appliances.
- o Install solar water and pool heaters.
- o Install energy-efficient street lighting.
- o Include energy costs in capital expenditure analyses.
- o Landscape with native drought-resistant species to reduce water consumption and to provide passive solar benefits.
- o Provide incentives for purchasing low-polluting and high-efficiency appliances.
- o Provide incentives for solid-waste recycling.

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September 21, 1990

Lt. Colonel Tom Bartol, Director
Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Colonel Bartol:

It has been brought to my attention that the United States Air Force is considering relocating its Space Systems Division from Los Angeles to Colorado Springs.

Personally, and on behalf of the United States Olympic Committee, I would like to add my voice to encourage this relocation to Colorado Springs. My family and I have lived in the area for many years, first as a professor at the United States Air Force Academy, and now as Executive Director of the USOC. Colorado Springs has much to offer its citizens and it would be a positive environment for your military personnel and their families. 15.10

The military presence is very strong in the Colorado Springs area, with the Air Force Academy, Fort Carson, NORAD, the Space Command and Peterson Air Force Base. There is an abundance of quality housing at very reasonable prices, and commuting time from any area in Colorado Springs to Peterson Field would not exceed 30 minutes.

Close proximity to the National Forests, historic districts and outdoor activities, not to mention the country's best skiing areas all within a 2 hour drive, make Colorado Springs an especially pleasant place to live.

Not only is the USOC headquarters located in Colorado Springs, but 21 national sports governing bodies are headquartered here also. The Olympic Complex hosts numerous training camps and competitions from national championships to Olympic trials. Our facility contains what is considered the fastest velodrome and one of the largest shooting centers in the world. Sports awareness is very high within the community, and we at the USOC are proud of the part we've played in developing that awareness.

With the moderate climate, an excellent educational system and many

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other positive attributes, I believe your personnel would be most pleased with a move to the Colorado Springs area.

I appreciate the opportunity to share my enthusiasm for Colorado Springs with you, and hope the decision is favorable on our behalf.

Sincerely,

HARVEY W. SCHILLER

HWS:hrh

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 17, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, California 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

I am writing to explain why Kirtland Air Force Base should be considered as an ideal location for the Air Force Space Systems Division (SSD) and the ways in which the University of New Mexico would benefit the Air Force if such a relocation was made. 15.10

As you know, the University serves more that 25,000 students and offers over 4000 courses and 125 degree programs. Our fastest growing student population consists of graduate students and professional students, now numbering more than 4500. During the past three years, the Evening and Weekend Program has grown so there are now approximately 11,500 students who take at least one class under this Program. The Division of Continuing Education also supplies credit and non-credit courses to about 30,000 students in the community each year. Thus, in locating in Albuquerque, the Air Force would be essentially adjacent to a large research university. In fact, the University has an office on Kirtland Air Force Base where some University courses are taught and where students can register for all UNM courses.

The University is classified as a Carnegie I Research University and each year has sponsored research grants and contracts of over $85 million. Of particular importance to your decision is that some of the greatest research strengths are in science and engineering disciplines closest to you interests. For example, the Center for High Technology Materials, the Center for Micro-Engineered Ceramics and the Institute for Space Nuclear Power all have national and international reputations. In addition, the University has collaborative research programs with Sandia National Laboratories, Los Alamos National Laboratory, the Air Force Space Technology Center, and the Air Force Weapons Laboratory that are model programs developed over the years based on sharing of ideas, people and equipment.

Although these teaching and research programs are of paramount interest to you, I would also note that the University brings a wide variety of social, cultural and educational events to the

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community. Our Fine Arts program presents several performances each week, the intercollegiate athletic program supports 23 different sports and there is a continuous array of visiting speakers on the campus. And all of this is located only a few minutes from Kirtland Air Force Base.

I began the Presidency in June of this year, so my wife and I have just relocated here. We have found the University to be strong, the community to be warm and friendly and would, on the basis of our own experience, encourage you to make the same relocation of the SSD and the Aerospace Corporation.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information and encouragement.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Peck
President

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State of California
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GOVERNOR

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DATE: September 21, 1990

TO: U. S. Department of the Air Force
Lt. Colonel Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

FROM: Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse

RE: Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AFB, California and Relocation of Space Systems Division, Los Angeles, CA
(90040111)

As the designated California Single Point of Contact, pursuant to Executive Order 12372, the Office of Planning and Research transmits attached comments as the State Process Recommendation.

This recommendation is a consensus; no opposing comments have been received. Initiation of the "accommodate or explain" response by your agency is, therefore, in effect. | 15.4

Sincerely,

Robert P. Martinez
Director

Attachment

cc: Applicant

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GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN
GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

THE RESOURCES AGENCY OF CALIFORNIA
SACRAMENTO CALIFORNIA

U. S. Department of the Air Force
Lt. Colonel Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

September 20, 1990

Dear Colonel Bartol:

The State has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AFB, California and Relocation of Space Systems Division, Los Angeles, CA, submitted through the Office of Planning and Research.

We coordinated review of this document with the California Highway Patrol, the Public Utilities and California Coastal Commissions, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Air Resources and Solid Waste Management Boards, and the Departments of Conservation, Fish and Game, Health Services, Parks and Recreation, and Transportation.

The Department of Transportation has responded by copies of their correspondence dated August 29, 1990 and September 19, 1990.

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board responded by copy of its correspondence dated August 21, 1990.

The California Coastal Commission responded by copy of its correspondence dated September 12, 1990.

Thank you for providing an opportunity to review this project.

Sincerely,

Gordon T. Snow, Ph.D
Assistant Secretary for Resources

cc: Office of Planning and Research
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(SCH 90040111)

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September 20, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director
Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Col. Bartol:

As a Colorado Springs small business person I want to let you know how welcome the Space Systems Division will be if relocated to Colorado Springs.

I am very involved with promoting the development of trails and other outdoor recreation opportunities. I mention this because I know from first-hand experience that people who have relocated to Colorado Springs are astounded by our clean fresh air in a spectacular environment. They become involved in the community by using an exceptional park system and developing trail system.

We are working hard to enhance our outdoor recreation opportunities because it not only serves the people who currently reside in Colorado Springs but because it also becomes an attraction for economic development. I can assure you that personnel assigned to the Space Systems Division will be delighted with the amenities we have to offer.

I join the people of Colorado Springs in welcoming your consideration of our community. If I could be of assistance in any way, please contact me. | 15.10

Sincerely yours,

John Covert

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Colorado Springs Savings and Loan Association

September 18, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, California 94049-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol,

15.10 We would like to join the Colorado Springs Chamber's Defense Mission Task Force in encouraging you to decide in favor of relocating the Space Systems Division to Peterson Air Force Base. A favorable decision would be mutually beneficial, providing an exceptional environment for members of SSD and bringing new jobs to our area. Colorado Springs Savings, as the only locally-owned and operated savings and loan, believes in our community.

Situated at the base of Pikes Peak, Colorado Springs provides a quality of life second to none. The climate is unexcelled. Warm summer days and cool evenings allow our residents to participate in and enjoy community events such as "Symphony in the Park" concerts including the concert and fireworks display on July 4, a visit to many area attractions, or simply hiking and picnicking in the mountains just a short drive to the west. The winters are mild with lots of sunshine which facilitates traveling to and from the workplace and the major ski areas or mountain resorts. One plane travel to and from most major destinations is available at the Colorado Springs Airport. The hospitality industry thrives in Colorado Springs which is home to the United States Air Force Academy, the world-renowned Broadmoor Resort with its World Arena and Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, the ProRodeo Hall of Champions, the Olympic Training Center, and the Garden of the Gods, to name just a few of the local attractions. We offer a broad range of housing from modest to luxury, all at extremely affordable prices.

Won't you allow us to join in a warm welcome of the Space Systems Division to Colorado Springs?

Sincerely,

Leo C. Thuesen, Jr.
President

cc: Defense Mission Task Force

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Western Investigative Services, Inc.

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September 20, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 924409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

Personally, and as a business owner, I whole-heartedly endorse the proposed relocation of the Space Systems Division (SSD) to Peterson AFB in Colorado Springs. 15.10

You will find that such issues as quality housing, public transportation, highway infrastructure, overall quality of life and general acceptance by the community will be VERY favorable to personnel locating in the Colorado Springs area.

I personally would like to welcome you to Colorado Springs. A move to Peterson AFB would be mutually beneficial to the SSD, its personnel, and the community.

Sincerely,

Bill Bickford, President
Western Investigative Services, Inc.

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September 19, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Subject: Comments to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AFB, California, and
Relocation of Space Systems Division

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

15.10 Enclosed with this letter is a publication entitled "Aim High - Choose March." This document, prepared for the Inland Empire Space Systems Division Relocation Group by the Economic Development Partnership, Inc., outlines the reasons why the Inland Empire should remain the home to the Ballistic Missile Organization and why the Space Systems Division should relocate to March Air Force Base.

Included with this letter is a video presentation also titled "Aim High -Choose March."

As testimony to the DEIS, please make sure that both of these are entered into the public record.

Thank you for your cooperation throughout the environmental process over the last few months.

Sincerely,

Stephen Albright, Chairman
Inland Empire Space Systems Division Relocation Group

SA/mlm

Enclosures

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State of California — Business, Transportation and Housing Agency

Memorandum

To: Mr. Wadell Gayou
Dept. of Water Resources
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Date: September 19, 1990

File No: IGR/CEQA
U.S. Air Force
DEIR: Proposed
Closure of Los
Angeles AFB -
California
LA-405-R20.22

From: Gary McSweeney - District 7
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Subject: Project Review Comments

SCH No. 90040111

Caltrans has reviewed the above-referenced document. Based on the information received we have the following comments:

1. The Traffic Analysis section of the EIR should include a complete analysis of the AM and PM 'peak-hour' traffic. Because of the fact that peak hour traffic is critical to the overall Analysis, it is our opinion that the existing counts for ADT's, capacity, LOS, and future projections may be inaccurate. 6.25

2. Based on the above information we are unable to make a complete evaluation of the impacts to the State's transportation system.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please call Wilford Melton at (ATSS) 8-640-6160 or (213)620-6160.

Gary McSweeney
IGR/CEQA Coordinator
Transportation Planning and
Analysis Branch

cc: State Clearinghouse

cc: Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, 92409

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September 20, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE - BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, California 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

15.10 We are writing to express our support and welcome to the United States Air Force as you make your decision regarding the future location of the Space Systems Division. As a member of the business community for the past six years, we recognize the quality of the environment that Colorado Springs offers. Our staff members enjoy such elements as affordable housing, good educational opportunities at all levels, low cost of living and exceptional recreational resources. We are confident the Air Force would benefit from these as well as other economic and environmental resources. We hope you choose Colorado Springs as your next home for the Space Systems Division.

Sincerely,

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

September 20, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

I am writing as a private citizen to encourage the Air Force to select Colorado Springs as the new home for the Space Systems Division. 15.10
Since I first moved to Colorado Springs in 1963, I have found it to be a community of many strengths. I would like to list just of few of them for you:

1. Colorado Springs enjoys very reasonable housing costs. A typical three bedroom home here costs approximately $78,000. A comparable home in California would average at least twice as much.

2. Because of the size of our city, the typical commute is very short. During the time I have lived here, I have never commuted more than 15 - 20 minutes. Depending on the housing location chosen by the staff, the commute could be even shorter.

3. Colorado Springs is a very attractive city. Our past and present leadership has worked very hard to determine and construct the appropriate infrastructure for our community.

4. Colorado Springs is nationally known for its quality of life. Our mountain setting is conducive to many outdoor sports. We also have many cultural amenities of which we are very proud. In addition, we have several fine institutions of higher learning.

In closing, I appreciate the consideration of Colorado Springs as the new location for SSD. I know I speak for many in the city in saying that we would love to have SSD relocate in our community. Please consider our reasonable cost of living and great quality of life when you make this crucial decision.

Sincerely,

Lisa D. Aré
Certified Public Accountant

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TEXAS INSTRUMENTS

September 21, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

I understand you are a member of a high level team evaluating Colorado Springs as a potential site for a base relocation. I would like to share TI's perspective of Colorado Springs with you.

After much research, Texas Instruments decided to build a technology center and manufacturing operation in Colorado Springs in 1979 for the following reasons.

- Unmatched quality of life to many areas of the country.
- Ease of drawing top professionals to the area due to quality of life and cost of living.
- Abundant supply of labor with a strong work ethic and solid educational background at a competitive wage rate.
- A low inter-city cost of living index.
- Short commute times at any hour.
- Available housing at all price ranges.
- Good K-12 education with higher education available locally thru the Ph.d level.
- Low utility rates.
- A participative city government receptive to outside policy input. Responsive to company needs.

15.10 I would think these would be important factors in your decision process. In addition, you have the benefit of a natural link with the U.S. Space Command and Peterson Air Force Base as a support to your operation.

Texas Instruments' has found Colorado Springs an excellent place to locate and manage a portion of our business. If you would like additional information about TI's involvement and experiences in Colorado Springs, please don't hesitate to call me at (719) 593-5454.

Sincerely,

Walter C. Stallman
Vice President
Defense Systems & Electronic Group
Manager, EW Division
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Pikes Peak Community College

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September 18, 1990

Lt. Colonel Tom Bartol, Director
Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

Please add my name to the long list of individuals who heartily support the relocation of Space Systems Division to Colorado Springs. 15.10

I read the environmental impact study with great interest, and was in attendance at the recent community forum where it was discussed. As comments were to be confined to the EIS, I did not speak at that time. I would like you to know, however, that the educational facilities and opportunities of Pikes Peak Community College are committed to working with the Air Force to ensure a quality workforce and continued educational opportunities for the (anticipated) large number of employees and family members.

Pikes Peak Community College is a publicly supported two-year institution. We offer a variety of high technology occupational programs, including electronics, laser optics, and robotics. Additionally, our transfer programs in pre-engineering ensure a smooth transition of students into the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, University of Southern Colorado, and others.

Our institution has a history of close and cooperative work with the military. We are a Service Member's Opportunity College (SOC), and offer programs at Fort Carson, Peterson Air Force Base, the Air Force Academy, as well as at Little Rock Air Force Base, and Dugway Proving Grounds. Air Force students successfully transfer credits from PPCC to the Community College of the Air Force. We are sensitive to the needs of the military, and have the personnel and expertise to offer customized training to meet your needs.

I am a recent "transplant" from California to Colorado. After a year in this state, I can assure you that there are many advantages to living here. "Quality of Life" is more than just a slogan--it's a reality.

I am sending you, under separate cover, information about our institution. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Marijane Axtell Paulsen, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Wanda L. Reeves, C/S Chamber of Commerce
Suzanne Spears, Pikes Peak Community College

CITY OF LOMPOC

September 24, 1990

Lt. Colonel Thomas J. Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
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Re: Technical Response to Draft Environmental Impact Statement Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base, California and Relocation of Space Systems Division, Report dated July 1990

Dear Lt. Colonel Bartol:

We have reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base and possible transfer of those facilities and services to Vandenberg Air Force Base or other alternative locations. Overall, we believe the quality of life for people who can and will move to a new location would be enhanced greatly by relocation of staffing facilities to Vandenberg Air Force Base. The overall quality of life for people who are being asked to move from their homes and jobs is addressed in a technical fashion in the EIS but we felt that there was an important need to recognize that the Lompoc Valley and the surrounding area offers a much higher quality of life, quality of public services, and a high level commitment to air force programs and projects as evidenced in our past relationship with Vandenberg Air Force Base.

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The report addresses housing issues somewhat superficially. The report fails to recognize that Lompoc has over 1,000 relatively new motel/hotel rooms that, if utilized for a 30 day or more period, would be available to people needing to relocate to the Vandenberg Air Force Base area. Other surrounding communities have also developed a large number of motel/motel rooms that can be rented at reasonable prices to house military or civilian people and their families.

The cost of housing in Lompoc is considerably lower than most parts of the state. The City has an excellent working relationship with the Base Housing Office. Programs are in force within the City to ensure that there is no discrimination in housing. The City also supports Human Service Programs to enable young people moving to the area to obtain temporary loans and other needed assistance while making transition moves to employment on the base. Overall, the City of Lompoc has a very high level of services and commitment to the people who serve in the armed forces and in civilian employment at the Vandenberg Air Force Base.

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Certain goals and objectives have been approved by the City Council in the City's Overall Economic Development Plan, which the EIS does not mention. The OEDP is adopted each year in June. The goals are as follows:

- Diversify the economic base
- Create new jobs and reduce unemployment
- Stress compatible industrial development
- Improve infrastructure and comprehensive planning
- Upgrade wastewater systems
- Develop Cultural Arts facilities.

In addition to the above stated goals, outlined in the Overall Economic Development Plan, the City's Housing Element has specific goals and objectives that are being carried out in support of the Vandenberg Air Force Base mission and anticipated missions:

- The City shall maintain a choice of housing opportunities by encouraging a variety of housing types and sizes, including a mixture of ownership and rental housing.
- Encourage increased opportunities for home ownership, but not at the expense of the availability of multiple-unit rental construction.
- Discourage the conversion of existing rental units to condominium ownership in order to maintain available rental units and affordable housing stock.
- The City shall encourage low and moderate income rental and ownership opportunities.
- The City shall works towards the elimination of racial and all other forms of discrimination that prevent free choice in housing.
- The City shall maintain policies to ensure housing opportunities for the various economic segments and special needs households of the City.

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With the loss of jobs at Vandenberg Air Force Base over the past few years, the vacancy factor remains relatively high (between five and seven percent) and this housing would be available to families and individuals relocating in this area. In addition to the items noted above, it should be noted that the City provides significant support to our Chamber of Commerce, which in turns provides supported programs to the Vandenberg Air Force Base. The recognition program for young military people by the cities in the region is indicative of the quality of support that the communities in this area have provided to Air Force personnel. We think this is a unique and unusual program and we are very proud of it.

On March 20, 1990, we transmitted to you comments regarding projections and analyses of the quality and quantity of water available in the Lompoc Groundwater Basin. We are

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continuing to work on providing additional water to the Lompoc area in conjunction with other agencies, districts, and cities in the state. The EIS correctly spreads the housing and jobs across the regional economy. The City has implemented mitigation measures to reduce water demand, including retrofitting existing housing, as well as examining options for increasing recharge.

Sewer capacity is, in our opinion, "bottom line" in the ability of any community to satisfy additional demand for population and housing. It should be noted that the City of Lompoc has an additional 28% capacity in its regional treatment plant that is available for use by those businesses and industries that generate jobs and that provide housing in the Lompoc area. The City has an agreement with the Vandenberg Air Force Base for treating sewage effluent and the City will consider making additional agreements or expanding those agreements if necessary to facilitate the location of people and jobs to this region.

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The City will also consider providing assistance to the Base Housing Office. The City's Community Development Department provides housing rehabilitation assistance and Community Development Block Grant Programs provide human service programs to assist in a variety of ways. We are open to negotiating any additional or unusual needs that the Air Force may have and where we can reasonably provide a public support.

The EIS does not mention public parks and recreational opportunities. The City of Lompoc is in the process of upgrading its Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the world-class surfing beaches at Jalama and the fishing and hiking and Ocean Beach Park are outstanding and should be considered as part of the package of amenities available to people relocating to this area. The City is open to providing additional programs to the Air Force or civilian personnel that would provide them with off-base higher quality of life standards.

In summary, the City of Lompoc has a continuing commitment to providing services to the employees of Vandenberg Air Force Base. As expressed by the Lompoc City Council, the Air Force has our full cooperation and assistance in the proposed relocation of additional personnel to Vandenberg Air Force Base. Should you have any questions or comments regarding City policies and programs we are available to assist you.

Very truly yours,

King Patrick Leonard

King Patrick Leonard, AICP, ASLA
Planning Director

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Comments on Draft EIS
Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AFB

Page 1.3-1, Paragraph 1. State Highway 246 became Ocean Avenue, a county-maintained highway, in March 1986. Please revise wording in the second sentence. 15.9

Page 1.3-1, Paragraph 8. As of January 1990, Lompoc's and Santa Maria's population were 32,814 and 59,223, respectively. Please revise text.

Page 1.3-1, Paragraph 9. According to Forecast 88 by the Santa Barbara County Area Planning Council, Lompoc's population is expected to increase by 35 percent between 1985 - 2005. Please revise text.

Page 1.3-6, Paragraphs 1-3. What is the vacancy rate for the on-base housing units? Could existing vacant units be used to offset the demand for additional military family housing? 4.27

Page 1.3-6, Paragraph 6. Please revise the fifth and sixth sentences of this paragraph to read as follows: " LAFCO determined that 58 acres of future developable residential area, with a potential density of approximately 225 dwelling units, be subject to the jurisdiction of the City of Lompoc. As a result, the City of Lompoc has a potential growth area of approximately 156 acres. Lompoc's General Plan update calls for encouraging diversity in the city's economic base and encouraging aerospace offices to locate within the city." 5.13

Page 1.3-6, Paragraph 7. Please insert the following after the third sentence: "Within the Mission Hills and Vandenberg Village areas, there approximately 996 acres of future developable residential area, allowing up to 3,400 dwelling units under current county zoning." Please note that this acreage figure needs to be added to the baseline calculation for the assessment of environmental impacts performed in Section 4.0. 5.14

Page 1.3-7, Paragraph 4. Delete reference to "State Route 70". It does not exist. As noted previously State Route 246 became county-maintained Ocean Avenue in March 1986. Pine Canyon Gate was renamed Lompoc Gate at the same time Santa Maria and Solvang Gates were renamed. Please revise text and Figure 3.3.3-1. 6.26

Page 1.3-9, Paragraph 1. Delete reference to "California Route 246" as previously noted.

Page 1.3-9, Paragraph 6. Groundwater quality in the City of Lompoc's domestic well field ranges between 1200 and 2700 ppm total dissolved solids. Further, the City of Lompoc has treated its groundwater supply through partial demineralization since 1963. The water quality delivered to domestic water customers within the City of Lompoc is 950 mg/l total dissolved solids. Current average daily demand is 4.8 mgd, not 5.76 as shown in Table 3.3.4-1. The 5.76 mgd figure probably represents the summertime, or peak demand period average daily flow. Please revise text. 7.21

Page 1.3-12, Table 3.3.4-1. Please revise the data in this table for Lompoc to read as follows: 7.22

	Water Pumped	Wastewater Flows
1989	4.73	2.66
1990	5.26	2.91
1997	5.33	2.96

Furthermore, the Vandenberg AFB wastewater flows for 1989-1997 should be 1.0 MGD, not 0.9 MGD. In the footnotes, projected water demand for Lompoc should be 160, not 180 mgpd; projected wastewater flows for Lompoc should be 70, not 85 mgpd.

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7.23 Page 3.1-11, Paragraphs 1 & 2. Vandenberg AFB has an agreement with the City of Lompoc that requires Vandenberg AFB to construct, at their expense, additional capacity in the Lompoc Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant at the time that the City of Lompoc needs to utilize the existing capacity presently used for contractual sewer service. Further, the Wastewater Treatment Plant, under its current capacity rating, can be expanded to 10 mgd for future projected demands, not 12 mgd. Please revise text.

7.24 Page 3.1-14, Paragraph 1. Please revise the first sentence to read: "....Power Agency." Please revise wording of the fifth through eighth sentences as follows: "....and a new hydroelectric project. The system capacity for the City of Lompoc is 50 MVA. Peak demand for 1989 for the city was 31.1 MW. Projected demand is based upon an expected annual growth rate of 2.1% per-cent."

10.20 Page 3.1-18, Paragraph 1. On line 7, after "38,000 acre feet per year." add the prepositional phrase "with 75% of it for agricultural uses".

Page 3.1-18, Paragraph 2. The last sentence states these stream systems are not sources of drinking water, but may provide aquifer recharge. In the case of the Santa Ynez River there is no doubt that this stream system provides aquifer recharge for the Lompoc Plain. Please revise text.

10.21 Page 3.1-20, Table 3.1.7-1. Footnote 3 states "City of Lompoc withdrawals total approximately 36,500 acre feet from both basins". City of Lompoc withdrawals 5,350 acre feet under current pumping conditions, all of which is withdrawn from the Lompoc Plain groundwater basin. The remainder of the pumpage is attributable to agriculture, Vandenberg Village CSD, Mission Hills CSD, Lompoc Federal Prison, and Vandenberg AFB. Please revise text.

10.22 Page 3.1-20, Paragraph 2. The last sentence reads, "The waters of Lake Cachuma are exported out of the Santa Ynez River Basin to the City of Santa Barbara". This is not accurate, the waters of the Santa Ynez River are exported to a number of south coast entities including the City of Santa Barbara, Goleta Water District, Montecito Water District, Summerland County Water District, etc. The community of Santa Ynez within the Santa Ynez River watershed also receives a small increment of yield from the Cachuma Project. Please revise text.

4.28 Page 4.1-1, Paragraph 1. Since the indirect effects of the proposed action and alternatives upon existing communities are based upon the estimates provided by the US Army Corps of Engineers' RIPS model, it is essential that the inputs, assumptions, and methodology of the model be made available for public review. We request that this information be made available as soon as possible and that the public comment period be extended in order to allow for additional review of its methodology and inputs.

4.29 Page 4.1-1, Paragraph 4. The assumptions used in the analysis indicate that 80 percent of the incoming population would locate in the City of Santa Maria, 10 percent in the City of Lompoc, and 10 percent in other communities of northern Santa Barbara communities. We seriously question the validity of this assumption since the unincorporated areas of northern Santa Barbara County contain large areas of land which is currently planned and zoned for residential uses. We suggest that future growth will occur in areas in proportion to the amount of vacant developable land which is available in the area. Therefore a greater emphasis should be placed upon growth in the unincorporated areas of northern Santa Barbara County.

4.30 Page 4.1-1, Table 4.1-2. This table indicates that approximately 1,100 acres of urban land would be needed to support the Proposed Action. Table 4.6-2 on page 4.6-3 indicates that only 370 acres of urban land would be necessary if CAAPS were to move to Kirtland AFB in New Mexico. Why is there such a difference in these numbers?

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4.31 Page 4.1-1, Table 4.1-1. Please provide the assumptions used in determining the urban land requirements for local communities. We need these assumptions in order to be able to verify the accuracy of the projections, as well as to keep our local planning programs responsive to US Air Force plans.

5.14 Page 4.1-4, Paragraph 3. Previous comments on Page 3.1-4) noted inaccuracies in the baseline data for the supply of vacant residential land. Please revise the figure in the second sentence from "approximately 265 acres" to "approximately 1190 Acres". We anticipate that this revised figure will necessitate a recalculation of the growth allocations and analysis.

7.23 Page 4.1-10, Paragraph 7. As noted in comments above, pertaining to Vandenberg AFB's relationship with the City of Lompoc, additional capacity for the City of Lompoc can be gained by requiring that Vandenberg AFB construct the capacity needed to treat their wastewater flows.

7.25 Page 4.1-14, Paragraph 1. Please delete "of the 1988 generation statistics".

Page 4.1-16, Paragraph 2. See comment for Page 4.1-10, Paragraph 7.

10.23 Page 4.1-18, Paragraph 4. Vandenberg AFB obtains its water from the Lompoc Plain Aquifer of the Santa Ynez Basin, not as stated herein. Further, the Lompoc Plain Aquifer is not overdrafted by 5,000 acre feet per year. The 5,000 acre feet per year overdraft is the cumulative total for the Lompoc Plain Aquifer, and the Lompoc Uplands. Please revise text.

10.24 Page 4.1-19, Paragraph 2. The water utilized for construction dust and compaction could be reclaimed wastewater from the Lompoc Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. This is currently required within the City of Lompoc and could be used as a mitigation measure to eliminate this significant adverse impact.

11.28 Page 4.1-20, Paragraph 2. The air quality analysis compares the Proposed Project's emissions with the emissions currently produced on a county-wide basis. This methodology severely underestimates the effects of the Proposed Project on local air quality which is measured on the basis of the Lompoc/Santa Ynez airshed. We request that the air quality analysis for particulates, carbon monoxide, and ozone precursors be revised to account the Proposed Project's effects on the local airshed.

11.42 Page 4.1-2, Air Quality. The mitigation measure regarding minimization of traffic congestion should be recorded to become mandatory rather than optional in its application to the Vandenberg AFB alternative. This is necessary due the existing air quality conditions in northern Santa Barbara County and the effects of mobile source emissions.

4.22 General Comment. In our letter of March 20, 1990 we responded to the US Air Force's request for identification of issues needing study in the EIS. Included in our letter was a request for analysis of the impacts upon public parks and recreational opportunities, including Jalama Beach and Ocean Beach County Parks. The Draft EIS does not provide any description, analysis, or mitigation measures for this public resource, nor any explanation for its exclusion. Given that the Draft EIS projects almost 18,000 people permanently moving to the area if the project is approved, we suggest that it reasonable to assume a significant impact upon recreational opportunities.

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RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMPOC
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMPOC SUPPORTING MILITARY AND CIVILIAN STAFF AT THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE OF LOMPOC'S COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE MISSION. no. 3989(90)

I, Maureen Bossing, City Clerk of the City of Lompoc, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, do hereby certify that the following resolution, proposed by Councilmember J.D. Smith seconded by Councilmember Joe Palencia was duly passed and adopted by the council of the City of Lompoc at a regular meeting thereof assembled this 21st day of August 19 90, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: Councilmember: William Mullins, J.D. Smith, Joe Palencia, Mayor Marvin D. Loney
NOES: Councilmember: None
ABSENT: Councilmember: None

(S E A L) Maureen Bossing, City Clerk, City of Lompoc
By: Jane C. Green, Deputy City Clerk

WHEREAS, the United States Air Force is considering relocating additional Air Force activities to Vandenberg Air Force Base; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Lompoc Valley have a long-term history of supporting the VAFB Mission; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Lompoc has suffered economically from loss of over 3,000 jobs at Vandenberg Air Force Base due to the cancellation of the Space Shuttle Program at Vandenberg; and,

WHEREAS, Lompoc has a continuing commitment to providing services to employees of Vandenberg Air Force Base; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Lompoc has adequate planned utility services to support existing and future population; and,

WHEREAS, Lompoc offers an outstanding quality of life and recreation amenities; and,

WHEREAS, adequate housing resources are available in Lompoc and surrounding communities at affordable prices to serve additional residents; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Lompoc does hereby resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. It is in the best interest of the citizens of Lompoc that additional Air Force personnel and related civilian employees be assigned to Vandenberg Air Force Base to compensate for the loss of over 3,000 jobs during the past three years.

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SECTION 2. The City of Lompoc assures the United States Air Force of our full cooperation and assistance in the relocation of additional personnel to Vandenberg Air Force Base.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of August, 1990.

Marvin D. Loney
Marvin D. Loney, Mayor, City of Lompoc

ATTEST:

Maureen Bossing, City of Lompoc
By: Jane C. Green, Deputy City Clerk

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September 19, 1990

Lt Colonel Thomas J. Bartol
Director
Programs and Environmental Division
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Norton AFB, Ca. 92409-6448

RE: *Relocation of Headquarters Space Systems(HQ SSD) To Colorado Springs/Draft Environmental Impact Statement*

Dear Colonel Bartol,

In a letter dated June 4, 1990, I provided Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) comments regarding the above referenced relocation to Peterson and Falcon Air Force Bases. Our response was based on your letter of May 4th which included a brief description of the project and two small maps. This response was necessarily general since specific building or development sites were not identified. Also, disclosure of anticipated impacts similar to that provided in the July 1990 *Draft EIS* was not available at the time.

13.6 Having read the Draft EIS for this proposal, I would like to reiterate earlier Division comments which recommend avoidance of high value wildlife areas (wetlands) east and south of the existing Falcon AFB facilities. Similarly, wetland habitats should be avoided on Peterson AFB. Once specific information as to building locations is available, the Division can be more specific as to construction/best management practices, and possible mitigation or enhancement, if appropriate.

13.7 To date, our comments have been directed to wildlife impacts on-site. If 8-10,000 new jobs and 28-30,000 new residents come to Colorado Springs related to the proposed closure of Los Angeles AFB, off-site impacts to wildlife will be far greater than those on-site. Similar to ski areas which are typically located on federal lands, we anticipate the greatest impacts of development to be off-site, on public lands (State Land Board Lands) in this case, and on private lands. These impacts will result from housing and other infrastructure demands.

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The most visible wildlife specie which will be directly impacted is the pronghorn antelope. However, numerous other species will be affected as well. Disclosure of potential wildlife impacts and possible mitigation is recommended as a step in the continuing EIS process. If the Colorado Springs installations are selected, I am enclosing a memorandum of understanding regarding off-site impacts to wildlife where ski areas are proposed. A similar memorandum tailored to the HQ SSD move should be considered by all major parties of interest. 13.21

If I can be of further assistance, please call me at 719-473-2945.

Sincerely,

Bruce Goforth

Approved by

Ronald P. Desilet

cc: J. Correale, Peterson AFB
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June 4, 1990

Lt. Colonel Thomas J. Bartol,
Director
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RE: RELOCATION STUDY FOR HEADQUARTERS SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION (HQ SSD)

Dear Colonel Bartol,

Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) personnel have reviewed your letter of May 4 and the attached maps for Peterson and Falcon Air Force Bases regarding the HQ SSD study.

The information supplied does not provide enough detail to determine what development will take place or specifically what lands within the "Areas of Field Investigation" will be impacted. Accordingly, CDOW comments must be very general at this time.

However, as a member of the *USAF Planning Assistance Team*, I co-authored the environmental section for the Falcon Air Force Station February 1988 study. One recommendation in that section was to direct development activities north and west of the existing facility to avoid high valued wildlife and habitat areas east and south of the existing facility. These high value areas tend to encompass intermittent drainages and/or playas which together provide critical movement corridors and water sources for numerous wildlife species, and the pronghorn antelope in particular.

The "Area for Field Investigation" at Falcon Air Force Base lies east and south of the existing facility and falls within a designated high wildlife and habitat area. A small arroyo runs through the lower corner of this area and a large playa (currently full of water) lies near the arroyo. Antelope are frequently seen inhabiting these lands.

Similar prairie grasslands and wildlife concerns are representative of the Peterson AFB site, though to a lesser degree, due to that general area having been more intensely developed.

No threatened or endangered species are known to inhabit either of these areas, though peregrine falcons and golden or bald eagles may occur intermittently as migrants.

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If HQ SSD relocation becomes a reality, and if the Peterson and Falcon sites are selected, CDOW requests that specific site locations and construction information be supplied for more in depth evaluation and comments.

I am enclosing a copy of the Falcon Air Force Station Planning Assistance Team 1986 Study (Environmental Section) for your information. Please call me at 719-473-2945 if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Bruce Goforth
Senior Wildlife Biologist

APPROVED BY: Ronald P. Desilet
Southeast Regional Manager

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cc: D. Clippinger, CDOW
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September 23, 1990

Lt. Colonel Tom Bartol, Director
Programs and Environment, AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base, CA 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

SUBJECT: PROPOSED CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE

15.2 This is a letter in support of keeping the Los Angeles Air Force Base in operation in the Los Angeles area.

As a resident of San Pedro I have seen a significant investment made by the Air Force in providing military housing for Los Angeles Air Force personnel. It makes little sense to abandon this large investment to relocate elsewhere.

It is my understanding that other area communities are making efforts to locate additional sites for more military housing.

With the local base near numerous contractors serving it, again it does not make sense to move the base operations to another distant location.

I urge the Air Force to consider the proposed closing carefully noting the points I have outlined above. Hopefully, the conclusion will be that the Los Angeles Air Force Base should be retained to continue its mission for the nation as it has for many years.

Sincerely yours,

Jerry Gaines

Jerry Gaines

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September 21, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Col. Bartol:

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base, California and Relocation of Space Systems Division as it pertains to Vandenberg Air Force Base. Though I attended the August 28, 1990 meeting at Cabrillo High School, I chose not to comment because I had not yet read the EIS. I was distressed, however, that many speakers made no reference to the EIS and used the occasion for an organized attempt to demean the process and lobby for the Coastal Aqueduct of the State Water Project. Developers and speculators appear whenever there is any rumor of build-up or a new program at Vandenberg. Most have no regard for long-term, negative impacts on the communities.

Lompoc has struggled through the booms and busts associated with cancelled programs. The Manned Orbiting Laboratory (MOL) and the loss of the VAFB Shuttle program after the Challenger accident are cases in point. Not long ago, Lompoc was known as the Flower Seed Capital of the World. Visitors could drive through acres of flowers from North "H" Street to the Base along Central Avenue. Now they need a map to find the flower fields. These prime agricultural lands are covered with dense housing projects and Lompoc has become a bedroom community for Santa Barbara. The development of these housing tracts was justified by unrealistic employment projections for the Shuttle program. The result is that service levels are greatly diminished and the community's infrastructure is strained.

Recent LAFCO decisions (p. 3.3-6, sec. 3.3.2.2) to limit the urban sprawl were applauded by Lompoc Upland communities. Explosive growth has created a demand on water resources that *exceeds the threshold of significance for safe yield* from our aquifers. We prefer that land use decisions be made in accordance with the Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan. The goals and policies state that communities should live within the limits of their natural resources. The enabling ordinances implement these concepts effectively.

The cities of Lompoc and Santa Maria do not acknowledge the cumulative impacts from piecemeal approval of projects with significant adverse impacts - mitigation notwithstanding. In this fourth year of drought, no one is happy with the water

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situation. It is illogical for Lompoc and Santa Maria to be promoting rapid growth at this time. As the EIS indicates (table 3.3.7-1), every aquifer in the VAFB region is currently overdrafted (some severely). We are at risk of serious long-term consequence of soil subsidence, collapse of underground aquifers, salt intrusion, and deterioration of water quality.

It is critical for the well-being of the California Central Coast for local communities to develop reliable alternative sources of water. As I remember, the Toups Report (circa 1982) cited desalination as a reliable source of water for VAFB, but the economic feasibility of state water weighed in its favor at that time.

The picture has changed dramatically since then, making desalination an attractive alternative. The state of the art has improved for both reverse osmosis and distillation processes. Further, desalination would dispel concerns about national defense projects being dependent on the 444 mile California Aqueduct (an open canal) which serves over half the population of California.

Even if the SWP could deliver some of the entitlement water, this would not resolve all our water problems. The SWP is committed by contractual agreements to deliver 4.2 MAF of water per year, but only can deliver about 2.4 MAF per year on a continuing basis. It is irresponsible for DWR to promise *additional delivery of entitlement* from the same sources of developed water without the implementation of large water development projects costing many billions of dollars. All the proposed projects would have serious environmental consequences for the Delta and Northern California watersheds. It would take years (if ever) for any "new" water to reach contracting purveyors in Southern California.

The demand for water in Southern California is steadily increasing due to population growth and decreasing availability of Colorado River water and Mono Lake water. The SWP contractors receiving entitlement water are already serving about 15,000,000 people.

Promoters of aqueduct water create the illusion that imported water comes from an endless source. They further "proclaim" that imported water is not growth-inducing. Neither claim can be substantiated and there is overwhelming evidence to the contrary. But growth fires the *demand for state water* and the greater the demand, the less reliable that source becomes.

10.2 In proposing the relocation of HQSSD and BMO, your EIS should mention that in most local purveyor jurisdictions a popular election would be required for the importation and distribution of State Project water. In 1979, the people (on a county-wide basis) rejected bonds for distribution of state

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water by a vote of 3:1. The City of Santa Maria recently circumvented this voting procedure by proposing to take delivery without the need of a bond measure. The EIS statement that "Construction of the pipeline is anticipated to begin in 1992" presumes a favorable vote of the people in many areas of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties (p. 3.3-12). 10.2

Regarding the Burton Mesa Chaparral, the County is moving to establish five preserves to protect high quality Burton Mesa Chaparral. These very rare plant communities should not be lost to development, like the prime agricultural land on the Lompoc Plain. I hope the relatively undisturbed Burton Mesa Chaparral in Housing Area I, as designated in Figure 3.3.10-1 can be spared. 3.27

Other concerns for the affected communities include traffic congestion, shortage of school classrooms, increased air pollution, and increased gang activity. We are becoming afflicted with social problems associated with large urban centers.

Lompoc is losing its unique identity and the industries that support that identity. The Burpee Seed Company relocated elsewhere and other large seed companies are cutting back their activities here. Much of the rural character of the community has been lost already to speculative residential development.

La Purisima State Historic Park is known as the "Crown Jewel of the State Park System". The rural environment of the mission and community are essential for it to maintain its historic integrity. Presidio de los Tesoros, a volunteer organization, assists the State Department of Parks and Recreation in re-creating an interpretive program for the Mission Period of 1820. The number of annual visitors is steadily increasing. For 1989, it was 158,101. Thankfully, the mission continues to play an important role in the economy of the area (sec. 3.3.1.2). We must protect our cultural heritage.

Regarding geologic hazards, in the Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan, I believe it shows the Big Pine Fault running all the way to the coast between Purisima Point and Point Sal (figure 3.3.6-1). 9.2

Vandenberg AFB has been a good neighbor to the people of Northern Santa Barbara County. Not only has the Base contributed significantly to the economy over the years, it has brought a broad spectrum of talent to the region. In turn, the communities welcomed Vandenberg.

Future decisions relating to VAFB should reflect concern for 15.10

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15.10 the communities' best interest. I am convinced that any relocation of operations to this area should be small in scale.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this EIS. The effort that went into the preparation of this document is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Carol Nash

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September 23, 1990

Lt Col Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

Our organization wishes to offer a few comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) of the Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AFB, California and Relocation of Space Systems Division (SSD). Our comments will be limited to relocation of SSD to Vandenberg AFB.

Page S-3. Community Setting for Vandenberg AFB. It is estimated that the total relocation of SSD-LA and SSD-SB to Vandenberg AFB would result in an increase in employment of approx. 18,900, including 10,100 direct and 8,800 indirect jobs. We believe that this statement underestimates the number of indirect jobs created. Each industrial job creates between 1.1 to 2 indirect jobs under various conditions. Taking the most conservative estimate of 1.1, the relocation would create 11,100 indirect jobs, or a total of 21,200 jobs, at a minimum. 4.24

Page 3.3-3. Community Setting. Population. The EIS states that the North Santa Barbara County population is approx 266,000. According to the preliminary results of the 1990 census the population of the entire Santa Barbara County is approx 366,000. It is estimated that at most 50% of the population resides in North County which would make the North County population figure 183,000, not 266,000. 4.25

Page 3.3-3. Community Setting. Employment. The EIS states that in 1985 North County's employment level was 101,600. We believe this is incorrect. Santa Barbara County-Cities Area Planning Council Forecast 89, 1985-2005, reports that the total employment in North County in 1986 was 62,596. 4.26

Page 4.3-7. Santa Maria and Unincorporated Communities in the Vicinity. We would like to offer the most up to date information on studies conducted by McClelland Consultants for the City of Santa Maria. The consultants just completed Phase I of the Santa Maria Sphere Study. They identified the potential 5.12

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for 8000 new residential units within the current Sphere of Influence (which includes the City and the unincorporated Orcutt area). At the same time they projected a need for a total of 19,000 new residential units over the next 20 years. They are now studying where and how to annex land to the City and how to finance and phase in the necessary infrastructure in these annexed areas in order to accomodate the additional 11,000 units needed. A sudden influx of 27,000 people (and possibly more if the number of indirect jobs has been underestimated) over a 3 year period, with a peak of 37,000 persons during the construction phase, would be very disruptive of our local planning process. We disagree with the EIS conclusion that, "the level of development would be consistent with the proposed general plan revision and therefore would not result in adverse effects on land use or aesthetics". 5.12

Sincerely,

Mary LaFaille

Mary LaFaille, President

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DELTA AIR LINES, INC.

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September 21, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environment Division
AFRCE - BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, California 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

I was pleased to hear that the United States Air Force is considering Peterson Air Force Base as a potential site for the relocation of the Space Systems Division. Having recently relocated to Colorado Springs myself, I can certainly understand your interest in this beautiful area. 15.10

On July 16, 1990, Delta Air Lines announced the establishment of a new District Marketing Office in Colorado Springs. The opening of our new office demonstrates our commitment to the community and our awareness of the growth and support we have experienced here.

Colorado Springs has been uniquely positioned to enjoy the benefits of the 1987 Delta/Western merger. At the time of the merger, Western had already established a route to its Salt Lake City hub, which was augmented in 1988 as Delta added nonstop service to Dallas/Ft. Worth, its second largest hub. With our present air service we are positioned to offer single-carrier jet service both east and west.

As Delta's new District Marketing Manager here, I am responsible for the marketing efforts throughout Southern Colorado. The Pikes Peak region has a lot of quality aspects to it and I am proud to be able to represent Delta in such a fine area.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like additional information about Delta's air service from Colorado Springs. We appreciate your interest in this community and look forward to welcoming you and your staff aboard a future Delta flight.

Sincerely,

Donald Chorpenning
District Marketing Manager

DC/sg
Enclosures

cc: Wanda L. Reeves, Executive Vice President
Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce

Biff Hollenbeck
Chairman, Air Service & Facility Task Force
Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce

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Dear Lt Col Tom Bartol,

15.10 I wanted to express my support for having Space Systems Division (SSD) relocate to Colorado Springs. I see it as a positive move for both the Air Force as well as our community. To me, it makes alot of sense to colocate SSD with Space Command (their primary customer) increasing the efficiency and communication for our high national priority Space programs. It would also mean a great boost to the Colorado Springs economy while at the same time offering a very attractive life style for those relocating from LA.

Again we strongly support the move

Bryan Deming
Grace Deming
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THE DEMING FAMILY
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September 19, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
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AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, California 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity that we have had to testify at your hearings and wish to reiterate our comments in writing.

1. We feel an Alternative 1 relocation to March or an Alternative 5 partial relocation are environmentally, economically, and functionally the best alternatives to consider. 15.10

2. The Inland Empire: With • 3 million people, • 300,000 daily commuters out of our region looking for local jobs, • 14 4 year universities graduating 5000 students per year, • uncongested internal transportation systems and plans to add significant additional capacity, • Ontario International Airport with 6 million annual passenger, a low cost server of the traveling public, • a world class medical network anchored by Loma Linda and the Jerry Pettis Memorial Hospital.

We are ready and extremely willing to work with you to make our region your desired location.

Sincerely,

Steve Bontell
President

"Representing the Inland Region of Southern California"

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CITY OF Riverside PLANNING DEPARTMENT • 3900 Main Street • Riverside, California 92522

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Planning Director

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September 21, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement - Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AFB and Relocation of Space Systems Division

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

2.6 On September 18, 1990 the Riverside City Council considered the above-noted Draft Environmental Impact Statement and unanimously requested that in the event March Air Force Base is selected as the new site for the Space Systems Division, the City of Riverside be given the opportunity to review and comment on further detailed environmental analysis that relocation activities receive. Please note that the City of Riverside has previously gone on record in support of relocation of the Space Systems Division to March Air Force Base.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter. Should you have any further questions, feel free to give me a call at (714) 782-5772.

Very truly yours,

Robert C. Goles
Assistant City Manager - Development

RCW/CT/6385f/w

cc: Merle Gardner, Planning Director

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CITY OF RIVERSIDE

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL — DATE: September 18, 1990

AGENDA ITEM: 19

SUBJECT: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT - PROPOSED CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AFB AND RELOCATION OF SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION

The United States Air Force has requested the City of Riverside to review and comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above-noted project. The Air Force is evaluating several alternatives for closing Los Angeles AFB and relocating its functions, including the Space Systems Division (SSD). Alternatives under consideration involve relocating some or all of these facilities to March Air Force Base. Total relocation to March Air Force Base could result in a population gain of approximately 22,300 persons, and an employment increase of approximately 10,000 direct and 8,300 secondary new jobs.

The Draft EIS indicates that relocating the facilities to March Air Force Base could result in significant impacts in regard to air quality and biological Resources, with no adverse impacts in regard to geology and soils, water resources, noise and cultural and paleontological resources. The environmental summary is attached as Exhibit 1. Although not identified in the summary, the text of the Draft EIS states that the project could result in traffic related impacts.

In evaluating the Draft EIS, it appears to serve primarily as a basis for comparing the alternative sites under consideration. It does not fully address or mitigate all impacts associated with development of a particular site. In the event that March Air Force Base is chosen as the relocation site, staff would recommend that the City be given the opportunity to review and comment on the detailed environmental analysis that relocation activities would receive. This analysis should specifically include a discussion of recommended mitigation measures and how these are to be implemented.

It should be noted that the City is on record in support of the relocation of the SSD to March AFB. This is largely based on the significant economic benefits which would be derived from approximately 10,300 new jobs which, for the most part, will be highly skilled, professional type employment. The relocation would greatly improve the jobs/housing balance in the area which, in turn, could be expected to have a net positive environmental impact in the area of traffic and air quality.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council request, that in the event March Air Force Base is selected as the new site for the Space Systems Division, the City of Riverside be given the opportunity to review and comment on the detailed environmental analysis that relocation activities receive.

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PREPARED BY:

Merle G. Gardner
Planning Director

Approved by,

Robert C. Hales
Acting City Manager

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cc: City Attorney
City Clerk
Public Works Director
Public Utilities Director

Attachment

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EXHIBIT 1

Table 3.6.1-2

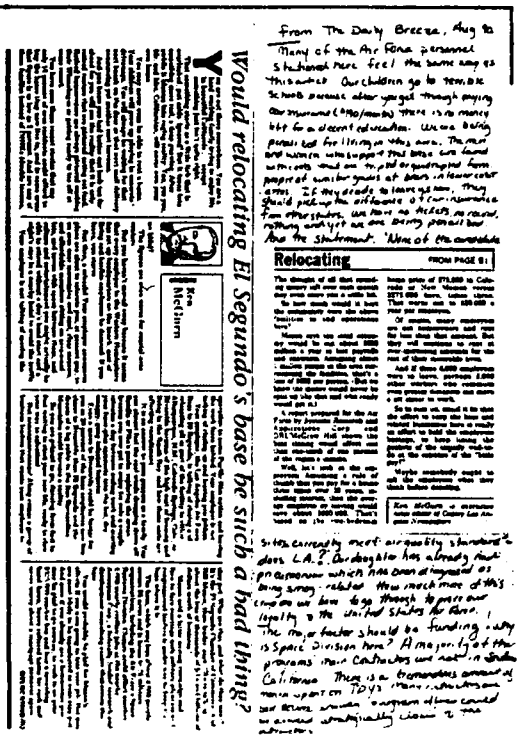
Environmental Impacts Associated With Relocation of Space Systems Division to Vandenberg AFB, March AFB, Peterson AFB/Falcon AFB, or Kirtland AFB

Resource Category	Impacts of Relocation	
	Vandenberg AFB	March AFB
Geology and Soils	• No significant impacts to geologic resources. • Soil losses from erosion would be minimized through the use of standard construction practices.	• No significant impacts to geologic resources. • Soil losses from erosion would be minimized through the use of standard construction practices.
Water Resources	• Impacts to groundwater resources would be significant because aquifers in the region are currently overdrafted. Increased water demand would accelerate depletion of aquifers.	• No significant impacts to groundwater or surface water would occur.
Air Quality	• Increases in vehicle emissions would be significant because the area is nonattainment for ozone standard.	• Increases in vehicle emissions would be significant because area is nonattainment for several federal and state standards.
Noise	• Noise impacts from construction activities and increased vehicular traffic would not be significant.	• Noise impacts from construction activities and increased vehicular traffic would not be significant.
Biological Resources	• Impacts to vegetation would be significant at proposed Housing Areas I and 2D because of the presence of Burton Mesa chaparral plant communities. Wetlands at Housing Area I could be significantly affected. • Additional overdrafting of regional aquifers could have a significant impact on the federally listed endangered unarmored threespine stickleback in San Antonio Creek.	• Significant impacts on federally listed endangered Stephens kangaroo rat would occur at two proposed sites and housing area use of sites contingent on approval of mitigation plan by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. • No significant impacts on vegetation or wetlands.
Cultural and Paleontological Resources	• Fifty-eight World War II-era temporary wood structures and three prehistoric sites may be considered NRHP-eligible. If NRHP-eligible, use of the affected project sites could result in significant impacts on cultural resources.	• No significant impacts on cultural and paleontological resources would occur.

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Would relocating El Segundo's base be such a bad thing?

Relocating FROM PAGE B1

From The Daily Breeze, Aug 16

Many of the Air Force personnel stationed here feel the same way as this writer. Our children go to Manhattan Beach schools where you get enough paying for the privilege (1,000/month) there is no money left for a decent education. We are being pressured for living in this area. The men and women who support this base are found workers and are not getting compensated for their services at rates in lower cost areas. If they decide to leave us now, they should pick up the difference of living somewhere else. We have no beach, no resort, nothing and yet we are being penalized for the Environment. None of the available

Strike currently over: air quality standard does L.A.? Our daughter has already had problems which has been diagnosed as being smog related. How much more of this can we have to go through to prove our loyalty to the United States for Peace. The major factor should be funding why is Space Division here? A majority of the programs their Contractors are not in Southern California. There is a tremendous amount of money spent on TDYs many of which are not driven because program offices could be located geographically closer to the

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most Air Force families are not placed in such an environment when where they want to

Health should be seriously considered. What about the days when the smog is so bad that we can't even see, let alone breathe? And what about the drinking water with all that crap in your body, you have a lack of oxygen - how can you think clearly? I thought the Air Force was against smoking - and they want to breathe the Environment

of 3 packs a day

There are so many other things to talk about

I would like the citizens in the entire Eastern Sector and I realize how they favor closing the base -- 1993 is not early enough though because the fear being is Israel but we are living in a Foreign environment.

Sincerely,
Susan [illegible]
[illegible]
San Pedro, [illegible]

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Children's lungs the reason for new first-stage alerts

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17,000 jobs at stake at air base

By Leonel Sanchez
Staff writer

Los Angeles County could lose 17,000 jobs, 20,000 people and $1.3 billion in spending if Los Angeles Air Force Base in El Segundo were shut down, according to a study released Friday.

The document, an environmental impact report, is the subject of a public hearing scheduled for Aug. 27 at El Segundo High School.

The Air Force is considering moving the base's main tenant, Space Systems Division, and its components, the Ballistic Missile Organization, southward to Norton Air Force Base in San Bernardino east of California because of high housing costs.

The Aerospace Corp., the federally funded research center next door to the El Segundo base, would also leave.

The candidates sites — March Air Force Base in Riverside, Vandenberg Air Force Base near Santa Barbara, Peterson or Falcon Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colo., and Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., stand to gain if the proposal is approved.

If Space Systems and the missile organizations are moved out of state, they would create around 18,000 jobs in the new community, according to the environmental impact statements. Of them, about 10,000 would be directly related to the base, while approximately 8,000 would be generated indirectly.

Personal income would increase by more than half a billion dollars a year in the community selected as the Air Force's new home, the statement predicted.

The most serious environmental impacts would be associated with moving the space systems and missile units to Vandenberg, which has a severe water shortage, the report indicated.

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Jobs

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need. The lack of water could hinder the development of homes near the base and new operations would create more groundwater overdrafting.

None of the candidate areas currently meet governmental air quality standards and moving new operations there wouldn't help the report said.

The Air Force is considering six alternatives to closing the base, including a "no-action" plan under which everything would remain as is.

The other alternatives are:

■ Closing the El Segundo base and relocating the missile organization to relocate at San Bernardino.

■ Relocating the missile organization and part of Space Systems and keeping part of the El Segundo base open.

■ Moving the missile organization but keeping Space Systems at El Segundo.

■ Keeping the El Segundo base open but relocating 1,600 Space Systems personnel.

■ Closing the El Segundo base and moving Space Systems to Riverside but allowing The Aerospace Corp. to remain at El Segundo.

Hearings are scheduled throughout late August and early September at each of the candidate areas. The Air Force is expected to make a decision by December, in order to include a proposal in the Pentagon's budget request.

In El Segundo the only scheduled public hearing on the draft environmental impact statement for the proposal and the five alternatives is scheduled for 7 p.m. Aug. 27 in El Segundo High School, 640 Main St.

Written comments may be submitted on or after that date to Lt. Col. Tom Bartol, director, Programs and Services (environmental) Division, AFRCE BMS/DEP, Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448. For information, call Bartol at (714) 383-4881.

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HARRIS

21 September 1990

LtCol Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Div.
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Col Bartol:

15.10 It is my distinct privilege to write to you endorsing and encouraging with all possible force the move of the Space Systems Division from Los Angeles to Colorado Springs, Colorado. The proposed move could not come at a better time for Colorado Springs, as housing is plentiful and the market is such that each and every individual being relocated would find the housing opportunities to be economically advantageous to them. The quality of life here in Colorado Springs is of the highest I've ever found and I have traveled extensively in a combination of careers, including the Air Force. Generally, commuting times in this town are in the neighborhood of 10 to 15 minutes as opposed to the hours that many of your people must spend traveling to LAFB. In addition, the extra curricular activities, including education, camping, skiing and hiking are among the best in the United States.

Let me provide you my strongest possible endorsement for the move of SSD to Peterson AFB.

Sincerely,

Phillip K. Heacock

PKH/bjc

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L/COL Thomas J. Bartol
Department of the Air Force
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol,

My reason for writing is to comment on the EIS for closure of the Los Angeles AFB and relocation of Space Systems Division.

I wish to point out that a whole South Bay infrastructure has built up around Los Angeles AFB to include road widening, freeway ramps, housing, small industries, and aerospace industries both large and small. This infrastructure is one that is clean in nature for the environment and most accommodating in cooperation.

Any removal of the present base could end up accommodating 1) larger population with more traffic, sewer usage and water usage. 2) a dirty/unclean industry with both heavy trucking and working population growth. 3) a very dirty environment like cement and gravel hauling or a garbage/refuse way station. No one can predict the results of government property disposition however and can predict that the Air Force will not realize monies from any sale of this property including the large San Pedro housing community. The Navy, another DoD agency, will gladly and automatically get your AF housing, and the GSA will dispose of the El Segundo properties (most likely to another government agency). 5.11 3.13

The Air Force and Aerospace Corporation have provided a very favorable working environment for this area for over thirty years and I would like to keep it that way since my home is only two-and-one-half miles from this outstanding complex.

The Air Force needs to look at its priorities and reconsider such a move, which will uproot the entire space mission and the space business, not only in Southern California but the entire United States, and at a cost to us, the taxpayer, that is not acceptable or justifiable.

Your Environment Impact Statement does not include all the above, and does not show the real impact, which is on people (families, children, wives that work, people with homes that probably can't be sold with such a mass exodus and the turmoil to the space business for years to come). These things should be considered in any environmental impact.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Wickware
(a 30 year South Bay resident and aerospace industry employee)

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People
Pride
Progress

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September 24, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director of Programs and Environmental
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Re: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the DEIS concerning the proposed closure of the Los Angeles Air Force Base and relocation of the Space Systems Division (SSD).

The City of Moreno Valley is keenly interested in the selection of a site for the SSD operations in light of the fact that March Air Force Base (MAFB) is an alternative under consideration. MAFB is located adjacent to the City's limits and has been an integral part of this community for many years. Should SSD be relocated, we feel that MAFB would be a logical and cost effective choice.

11.1 Environmental issues raised in the DEIS which I would like to ADDRESS include air quality, land availability and traffic. The City's Planning Department has previously commented on the air quality issue. To reiterate, it is felt that relocation of SSD to MAFB would have a positive rather than negative impact upon pollution due to the ability to bring jobs closer to employees residences. Currently, there is tremendous outmigration of traffic from the Inland Empire (Riverside and San Bernardino Counties) to LA County (among others). This is because people are choosing to buy their homes here where they are affordable, but must continue to work in the job rich Los Angeles area. By bringing a major employment center to MAFB these trends could be improved. Fewer cars and lesser travel times mean less pollution from the biggest offender - the automobile.

Additionally, this positive impact upon jobs to housing balance would lessen freeway traffic congestion, one of Southern California's biggest problems.

15.10 In terms of land availability, the DEIS points out that under the proposed action about 550 acres of land on base, and an estimated 1000 acres of land off base, would be required to support direct and indirect population induced development. The DEIS clearly identifies the availability of land

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on MAFB itself. It should be noted that massive quantities of land are available on a regional basis surrounding the base, providing a major asset. Because the City of Moreno Valley surrounds MAFB to the north and east, the city's land planning and availability would be pertinent. Following are some key characteristics:

The incorporated area of Moreno Valley includes 49 sq. miles, with a total sphere of influence of 68 sq. miles. While Moreno Valley is one of the fastest growing cities in the state, only about 46% of the city's total area has been developed, leaving approximately 36 sq miles as an available resource.

The city's general plan provides for over 3900 acres of industrially zoned land; over 4000 acres of commercially zoned land and over 24,000 acres of residentially zoned land.

The City of Moreno Valley is a city with a pro-business attitude due to our need for jobs, the city's land use planning reflects this philosophy. Seven Specific Plans (master plans) have been approved for commercial and industrial uses, two of which are immediately adjacent to MAFB. Centerpointe, to the base's north, is a masterplanned business park within a total business park area of 600 acres. Recent infrastructure improvements have resulted in new office and multi-tenant industrial facilities, however, approximately 500 acres remain available for development.

To the immediate east of the base is the Oleander Specific Plan, a 1500 acre masterplanned area for light, medium, and heavy industrial as well as mixed-use commercial. Recent companies coming here have included the Koll Company, Bennett, and a Korean-based manufacturer, among others. 15.10

Another Specific Plan project worth noting is Moreno Highlands, a proposed 3,000 acre mixed-use master-planned community on the city's east end. This project, if approved would offer 650 acres of industrial land, well suited for high tech operations; 107 acres of commercial land, and a proposed 7763 dwelling units.

Commercial, industrial and residential land in Moreno Valley is highly competitive in price, often as little as 25% of the costs in Los Angeles County. A recent comparison revealed that improved commercial land prices in Moreno Valley ranged from $6 to $10 per square foot while Los Angeles prices ranged from $25 to $35 per square foot in the El Segundo area. For industrial land Moreno Valley prices ranged from $3 to $7 per square foot, while the El Segundo area had a range of $15 to $25 per square foot.

The City of Moreno Valley and its Redevelopment Agency aggressively recruit and assist business. Within the city is a 4700 acre redevelopment area which offers businesses special incentives and the city is currently applying for state enterprise zone status to be able to offer assistance through state tax credits.

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15.10 Moreno Valley's residential market offers a wide range of housing from highly affordable entry level to higher priced upscale housing. Prices are typically one third to one half that of the coastal counties. Currently over 35,000 households exist with 84% single family and 14% multifamily. Over 15,000 units are approved and yet to be built, and additional units are approved each year (over 3000 in 89/90).

In terms of transportation, several major improvements are forthcoming which will impact this proposal. Interstate 215 begins its upgrading to full freeway status in 1991, with full interchanges being constructed at Cactus Street (north of the base), Alessandro and Eucalyptus. Cactus Street is planned to be a six lane arterial. Heacock Street, east of and adjacent to the base, is also being upgraded to a one hundred foot right of way.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on these environmental issues.

Sincerely,

Cheryl L. Dye
Economic Development Director

SSD:wrt

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RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Office of the President

September 21, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

Please accept this letter as strong support for the efforts of the relocation group to:

(1) relocate all or a portion of the Space Systems Division from Los Angeles Air Base to March Air Force Base as outlined in alternatives one or five in the DEIS, and 15.10

(2) keep the Ballistic Missile Organization at Norton Air Force Base as outlined in alternatives one or five in the DEIS.

As president of Riverside Community College I am concerned about the Inland Empire, and I strongly support the above two recommendations. Not only will it be good for those associated with the Space Systems Division and the Ballistic Missile Organization, but will be received positively within the community of Riverside.

Sincerely,

Charles A. [illegible]
President

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To whom it may concern,

There is no doubt in my mind that relocating Space Systems Division to Colorado from Los Angeles would have a serious and detrimental effect on the purity of the environment of our state. In a decade of environmental concerns, the effect of an additional two thousand persons to a population cannot be overlooked.

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Furthermore, at a time when it is necessary to conserve water, this would strain our state's water supply.

The construction of additional homes would not only take away from the natural beauty of Colorado, but would also cause smog.

The addition of two thousand persons would mean more automobile transportation, which means more pollutants in our clean air. Also, this would require the construction of roads which would require additional amount of space, therefore forcing more mining in our state.

There is no such thing as an environmentally safe solid waste facility with the present technology, and this would rapidly fill - necessitating planners for politicians to look out this would lead to more incineration, which produces many toxic ashes which eventually end up in the air or in our drinking water.

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Colorado prides itself on its clean, pure, and natural environment. Please see that we will have our state's beauty protected. Keep the smog on Los Angeles where it belongs. Don't let Space Systems Division move to our environment and ruin it.

Sincerely,

[illegible]

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Written Comment Sheet

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base And Relocation of Space Systems Division

Peterson / Falcon AFBs

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Thank You For Your Comments

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CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
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LOUIS E. SAAVEDRA, Manager

September 10, 1990

Lt. Colonel Tom Bartol
Director
Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, California 92409-6448

Re: Draft Environmental Impact Statement, July 1990, Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base, California and Relocation of Space Systems Division

Dear Lt. Colonel Bartol:

The following comments are offered for your consideration in the final draft of the above document. The description and capabilities of the Albuquerque International Airport (page 3.6-11, paragraph 3.6.3.2.) does not objectively discuss our facility. We currently handle over 5 million passengers per year and our recent $120 million expansion/modernization program has given us the capability to handle up to 10 million passengers a year. We are served by eight major airlines and two commuter lines. The 80,000 projected increase in passengers caused by the relocation of these facilities can be absorbed without a ripple. We also have direct service to 61 cities including connections thru hubs listed in the attached paragraph. 6.26

In summary, we feel this paragraph should be expanded to fully show our capabilities. Attached is a suggested paragraph for your consideration. While it may or may not be an important factor in the relocation decision I would like to assure that our ability to fully support your requirements be known. If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me at 842-4366 at any time.

Sincerely,

Dennis A. Parker, A.A.E.
Assistant Aviation Director

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Suggested Paragraph 3.6.3.2.

Albuquerque International Airport is served by eight major airlines and two commuter lines. The runways are used jointly with Kirtland AFB and the commercial terminal is only 1.2 miles from the base. Passenger traffic in 1989 exceeded 4.7 million (2,362,570 departures and 2,358,900 arrivals). This is less than 50% capacity due to a recently completed $120 million modernization and expansion program. Direct air service is available to Denver, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Chicago, Salt Lake City, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, and St. Louis. Future plans include addition of a third air carrier runway, and the addition of ten more passenger gates.

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Committee I.N.C.

P.O. Box 1462
Santa Maria, CA 93456

September 17, 1990

Lt. Colonel Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base, CA 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol,

The Committee To Improve North County (I.N.C.) is a non-profit broad based coalition of individuals committed to the general improvement of North Santa Barbara County, and to insure that north County obtains its fair share of services, benefits, and county representation.

The Committee, of some 100 people, is very supportive of the relocation of SSD & BMO, or portions there-of, to the Vandenberg facility.

While we appreciate the complexities of such a move and the resultant impacts on the communities and the environment, we are convinced that this project can be approached with an open mind. We are convinced that any significant impacts can be adequately mitigated and we wish to whole-heartedly encourage you and welcome your efforts at solving these problems in a satisfactory manner.

The following are specific areas of concern that we would like to see adequately addressed in the final EIS:

1. Although the water basin which Vandenberg draws from is in overdraft, it's basin coupled with State Water, will provide long term capacity. | 10.1
2. Air quality nonattainment data for Santa Barbara County that is contained in the Air Force Relocation draft E.I.S. relates largely to the City of Santa Barbara/Goleta area. The North County areas of Vandenberg and Santa Maria are seldom in nonattainment. | 11.33
3. The city of Santa Maria presently has the capacity to add 6,484 residential units within its City limits. Areas currently proposed for annexation into the city limits would permit 7,000 additional residential units. | 15.3
4. Vandenberg presently supports 10,000 jobs. This work force level is 5,000 jobs less than the peak level a few years ago.

A GROUP OF CONCERNED CITIZENS
TO IMPROVE NORTH COUNTY

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5. Housing for Vandenberg's work force is geographically spread. Housing locations include the Base, Pismo Beach, Arroyo Grande, Nipomo, Guadalupe, Santa Maria, Orcutt, Lompoc, Buellton, and the Santa Ynez Valley. This broad and diverse territory can accommodate a large segment of the proposed Air Force relocation with minimal impact. | 15.3
6. The Santa Maria Valley and Lompoc areas will benefit economically with the addition of new jobs and the enhancement of new functions to Vandenberg.
7. It is estimated that 80% of the work force will move from present locations which will provide a 20% job market locally.

I.N.C. stands ready to assist in the DEIS process in whatever positive way we can. Thank you for maintaining your interest in our area.

Sincerely,

R. A. Hulme
President
Committee to Improve North County

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BUICK — Reilly Buick, Inc. — STERLING — KELPIE

September 24, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BCMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

The business community of Colorado Springs would be very willing to work with your group in bringing the Space Systems Division to Colorado Springs.

I have been the President of the Air Force Association here in Colorado Springs and the state a few times since 1967, and also represent the 41 new car dealers in Colorado Springs and the 300 new car dealers in the state of Colorado at the national level for the National Automobile Dealers Assn. The relocation of your division to our community would enhance and improve the Air Force operation existing here now. The business people here will be very willing to assist in any manner to make your move simple and pleasant. The housing market here is at the most ideal level right now for a high tech community, and the higher educational facilities are readily available for enhancing the level of your work force.

I have represented the community on the Air Quality and Health Committees and I can attest that our non-attainment days are low. Our climate is dry and lends itself to pleasant and enjoyable living, resulting in a comfortable working environment.

We wish to encourage your move to Colorado Springs and welcome you by offering any assistance in any manner. | 15.10

Sincerely,

James [illegible]
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President

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CASCADE ORTHOPEDICS

September 21, 1990

LTC Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton Air Force Base, CA 92409-6448

15.10 DENNIS A. PHELPS, M.D.
JAMES M. REES, M.D.

Dear LTC Barton,

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed relocation of the Los Angeles Air Force base. I have been a onysician in Colorado Springs for the last 5 years, and would like to enthusiastically endorse this community as a site for relocation.

Certainly there is a variety of housing available at an affordable level, in my opinion, compared to prices elsewhere. I have lived, and did my training, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and feel that although this is a very nice city, with a nice climate, the school systems in the Colorado Springs area are much stronger overall. Having lived, again, in both cities, I do feel that the quality of life service departments in the city are outstanding, and oversnadow those provided by Albuquerque.

I do feel that the city would enthusiastically accept this move, and do everything possible to aid relocation efforts. The variety of activities, services and quality of people in the city, I feel, are unmatched.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dennis A. Phelps, M.D.

DAP:srg

CC: Wanda L. Reeves
Executive Vice President
Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce
PO Drawer B
Colorado Springs, CO 80901

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Regis College
EXCELLENCE IN THE JESUIT TRADITION

September 28, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol:

We are looking forward to the arrival in Colorado Springs of the people presently assigned to the Space Systems Division. Our community offers a wide variety of educational and cultural programs. Here at Regis College, we have been successfully working with adult college-level students for over 12 years. Our career-oriented course delivery system includes more flexibility for working adults such as weekend classes, evening classes that meet once or twice a week, and classes that meet in 2 to 8 hour time blocks. We are fully accredited by the North Central Association. We have a 100 year tradition in the State of Colorado and a 500 year tradition as a Jesuit institution. 15.10

Our community also includes other schools, colleges, and universities that offer a wide variety of educational and training opportunities.

We have enclosed some pertinent literature that explains our mission in greater detail.

Please drop us a line if you would like any additional information about our programs. Incidentally, we also conduct classes at Fort Carson and enroll many students from the three major military bases located in our vicinity including Peterson A.F.B. Our relationship with these local military base officials is a very congenial one.

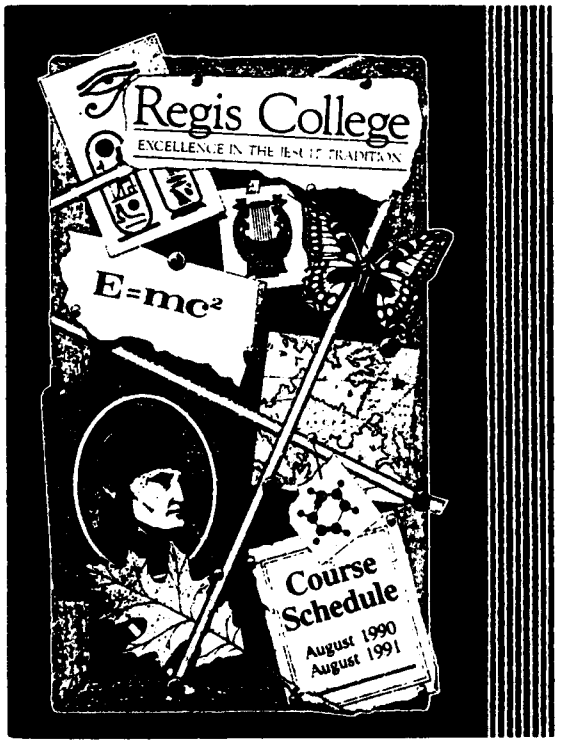
Sincerely,

Diane Walters
Undergraduate Program Director

CC: Wanda L. Reeves
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September 24, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Lt. Col. Bartol,

I have been following the progress regarding a decision to relocate jobs from California military installations to Kirtland Air Force Base here in Albuquerque. I thought it would be appropriate to provide you with some insight regarding the automobile industry here in town. Perhaps this information will help you make a more informed decision since I am certain our local economy is a major factor in your consideration.

The automobile industry in Albuquerque provides 1100 jobs and has sales of $840,000,000 per year. It has a significant positive impact on our local and state economy. The dealerships work closely in support of military personnel regarding sponsorship of on-base recreations and we also work closely with the military credit unions regarding purchases of vehicles.

Housing costs are relatively lower and the weather is outstanding here. Albuquerque is the second sunniest city in the world, next to Perth, Australia. Nearby we have the beautiful mountains providing recreation in the form of skiing, hiking and fishing. Our cultural and educational standards are very attractive and provide a wide variety for everyones tastes.

As a parent, business operator and citizen, I have found Albuquerque to be a wonderful environment in which to grow. Our friendly city would welcome with open arms the addition of these families. 15.10

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any help. Thank you for your consideration and time.

Very truly yours,

GALLES CHEVROLET COMPANY

Ron Zolla
Vice President and General Manager

RZ:mm

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Wiseburn
School District

13530 AVIATION BOULEVARD
HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA 90250-5466
(213) 643-6161

September 26, 1990

Director
Program Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton, AFB 92409-6448

Dear Sir:

15.2 Enclosed is a copy of a Resolution passed by the Wiseburn School District's Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

Clinton E. Boutwell

Clinton E. Boutwell Ed.D.
Superintendent

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Enclosure

Attachment to Document 280

WISEBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION
#90-1

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense is considering a proposal to the United States Congress to relocate and/or close some of its bases across the nation; and

WHEREAS, one of these bases is the Los Angeles Air Force Base/Space Systems Division, which facility is located in the South Bay area of the Los Angeles Basin, *home of the nation's aerospace industry*; and

WHEREAS, the relocation of this base to other areas of the western states is under consideration, including Colorado Springs, Colorado; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Vandenburg Air Force Base, California; and Riverside, California; and

WHEREAS, loss of this base would result in a very serious and adverse impact on the economy of this region, including the loss of over 7,500 jobs; loss of an annual payroll of $318 million; loss of $367 million less per year in local goods and services; loss of almost $2 billion in lost contracts to *aerospace suppliers in the Los Angeles Basin*; and

WHEREAS, the loss of the aforesaid business would have a serious negative impact on the Wiseburn School District in revenue loss and student enrollment; and

WHEREAS, it would cost the government up to $1 billion to rebuild the existing educational and research and development facilities already in place.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Wiseburn School District does resolve as follows:

Section 1. That the retention of the Los Angeles Air Force Base at its present location is in the educational and economic interest of the citizens of the Wiseburn School District.

Section 2. The Board of Trustees of the Wiseburn School District on behalf of its parents and students does hereby urge the Department of Defense and the United States Congress to retain the Los Angeles Air Force Base/Space Systems Division in the City of El Segundo until such time as an orderly phase out, which reduces the economic impact on our community can be accomplished.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WISEBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT

President

Clerk

Member

Member

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Written Comment Sheet

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base And Relocation of Space Systems Division

Vandenberg AFB

As a concerned resident of Santa Maria, Ca., I attended the August 28th Public Hearing at Cabrillo High School in Vandenberg Village.

I listened with great interest to the statements/comments made by elected officials and fellow citizens alike. I am sure you would agree the overall message was one of favorable acceptance with limited reservations as to water supply.

The proposed move of Air Force Space Command, Ballistic Missile Organization *and/or Aerospace* into *any community would not be* without impact - positive or negative. The communities surrounding Vandenberg Air Force Base have on many occasions met and resolved issues far more important than any which were addressed at the hearing.

Our water shortage is no different. It must, no, it will be resolved in any case. It is my opinion that the economic benefit directly associated with your perspective relocation far outstrips a temporary inconvenience.

California is the most populous of the United States. We of the Central Coast do not reside within an impenetrable bubble, we cannot expect on one hand to enjoy an expanding economy without the challenges of preserving, as near as possible, our environment.

15.10 I know in my heart, our friends at Vandenberg are every bit as concerned as we are. There is no question in my mind, together we can meet and resolve any and all issues be they social, economic, or environmentally related. Together we can ... please join us.

- Thank You For Your Comments -

Name Walter G. Nagel (United States Navy Retired)

Address 103 Felicia Drive, Santa Maria, Ca. 93455
(Street Address) (City / State / Zip Code)

Please hand this form in or mail to: Director
Programs and Environmental Division
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Norton Air Force Base CA 92409 - 6448

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VINTAGE COMMUNITIES

October 2, 1990

Lt. Col. Tom Bartol
Director, Programs & Environmental Division
AFRCE-BMS/DEP
Norton AFB, CA 92409-6448

Dear Col. Bartol:

As a long time resident of Colorado Springs, please allow me to extend this word of welcome to our community. I would hope that you have an adequate opportunity to visit Colorado Springs and to interact with enough of our business, industry and community leaders to get a true picture of the advantages offered by our area.

The military has been a major contributor to our community for many years with Fort Carson, Peterson AFB, the USAFA, Falcon AFB, and the many other operations and commands that exist in the Colorado Springs region.

This contribution is much broader than just the economic impact of the military payroll here. Colorado Springs has a reputation of being a very involved community with an exceptional record of support in many community service oriented projects through a vast volunteer network.

Members of the various military organizations in our area have consistently been strong supporters of numerous of these activities including such things as: United Way, Silver Key, Christmas Unlimited, Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Council, the Pikes Peak Y/UCO, and others too numerous to mention.

More important than just the economic support that is provided by this valuable contingent of our community is their direct involvement in the direction and administration of these very worthwhile efforts. Review of the Board of Directors of any significant community organization in our city will reveal the names of numerous members of the military in key positions.

In addition to these valuable service oriented activities, there are also many cultural activities, groups and projects such as: The Colorado Springs Symphony, the Shakespeare in the Park Series, The DaVinci Quartet, the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, the Business for the Arts Center, and many others. These also benefit greatly from the influence and support of the military community in our city.

Vintage Communities, Inc.
Developers of Briargate, Preserve and the Briargate Business Campus
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One of the most significant reasons that people choose to live in the Pikes Peak region is the positive quality of life that we enjoy. While the beautiful views, clear blue skies and moderate weather, and proximity to the mountains and their recreational opportunities, certainly are important parts of this, they are by no means the only factors.

The fact that we offer tremendous values in real estate is certainly important. The average resale home in Colorado Springs (3 BDRM, 2 bath, 2 car garage, family room, *2,500 s.f.*), is well under $100,000. There is an excellent selection of homes available in the market at this time, in a wide range of styles, sizes and price ranges.

Equally important is the outstanding public school system that we have in the area. Statistics consistently reveal that our students are better educated, trained, and prepared to enter the "real" world than almost anywhere else in the country. The percentage of our high school students continuing on to college is far in excess of other communities, both statewide and nationally.

Transportation networks and commuting time are also important issues to many. In Colorado Springs a 5-minute delay is a "major inconvenience" and considered a traffic jam. You can easily travel from any point around the city to another on the opposite side in less than 30 minutes, any time, day or night.

There are certainly lots of reasons why people choose to live in this community, but these are a few that seem of particular importance to me.

All things considered, Colorado Springs is a delightful place to live and to raise a family. To me, this is the essence of "quality of Life" and means happier, more productive people.

With the added benefit of the low cost of living and the low cost of doing business here, I believe that a decision to make our city home to the Space Systems Division would prove to be the best possible decision that could be arrived at.

15.10 Colorado Springs respects and appreciates the United States military forces, and your personnel would find us hospitable, friendly, and anxious to help them become a part of our community.

The Space Systems Division and Colorado Springs are a good fit!

With best regards,

William K. Hurt, Vice President
Vintage Communities, Inc.

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DAVID B. JENKINS
P.O. BOX 791
MANITOU SPRINGS, COLORADO 80829

October 2, 1990

LTC Tom Bartol
Director, Programs and Environmental Division
AFBCE-BMO/DEP
Norton Air Force Base, California 92409-6448

Dear Colonel Bartol:

As you and others review the Space Systems Division's potential relocation, I want to encourage and support your consideration and eventual move to Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs. The benefits to the United States Government, to the Air Force and to the people who work for the Air Force would be enhanced in Colorado Springs. The community offers exceptional educational facilities and an excellent cadre of volunteer support groups for all sectors of the society. Colorado Springs is a health-conscious community with affordable housing and is a very easy community in which to move about, due to good transportation facilities. It has an incredible parks system, many youth activities programs and a civilian workforce that is highly educated and dedicated to quality. These are a few of the elements of our city that I believe are important to anyone choosing to live here.

Being a native Coloradan and having raised a family in Colorado Springs, I can attest that you and your people will find that there is not a better place to live, to do business and to prosper. I encourage your selection for the Space Systems Division to be Peterson Air Force Base. 15.10

Sincerely yours,

David B. Jenkins

DBJ:cc

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ROBERT J. LAGOMARSINO
19th District, California

1222 Longworth Building
Washington, DC 20515
202-225-3601

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES
DEFENSE ARMS CONTROL TALKS
PERSONNEL TASK FORCE
Chairman

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

TESTIMONY OF CONGRESSMAN LAGOMARSINO
Scoping Hearing on August 28, 1990
Subject: Relocation of Air Force Systems
Command Space Systems Division and
Ballistic Missile Operation

Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information relevant to the proposed closure of Los Angeles AFB and relocation of the Air Force Systems Command Space Systems Division (SSD) and SDD's Ballistic Missile Operation (BMO) in San Bernardino to Vandenberg AFB.

I apologize for not being present in person today: the President asked me and other congressional leaders to a meeting at the White House on the Persian Gulf Crisis. However I appreciate the opportunity to address this issue and join in welcoming you to the Lompoc-Santa Maria community.

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As you know, the Northern Santa Barbara Community has stood ready to accommodate national security needs for the better part of five decades--ever since 1941, when Camp Cooke hosted armored and infantry training here. Since 1957, when the Air Force took over the base, over 1,638 space launches have occurred at the base, with over 540 satellites placed into orbit. These satellites have been and are the backbone of our national technical intelligence system, and will become even more crucial as we enter the era of superpower strategic weapons treaties, requiring extensive monitoring and verification.

For 33 years, Vandenberg and the North County have shared a special relationship. The community has willingly opened its doors to accommodate the social, cultural, religious, educational, physical and other needs of the Air Force families who lived in our midst while performing their basic mission of protecting our nation. Our economies have become intertwined, and our personal lives enriched on both sides as we worked, worshiped and lived side by side.

We have not only accepted this responsibility, we have gladly welcomed it. The Air Force is an integral part of our daily life.

When you asked us to open our doors for the space shuttle program, we did so generously. When the hopes for a West Coast Shuttle facility died with the Challenger tragedy, we mourned its loss with you.

Now, we have another opportunity to do our share for the national defense. It is an opportunity we welcome. I personally support the proposed move of SSD and BMO to Vandenberg AFB. 15.10

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Such a move, provided it is done with due regard to environmental and other concerns (including water, housing and other services) will help offset the loss of jobs which resulted from cancellation of the West Coast Space Shuttle launch program. It would also help offset any unforeseen cuts in defense spending which may occur in the future. In fact, in view of those potential cutbacks, it would make sense to consolidate Air Force missile operations at Vandenberg--the only existing site for operational testing of ICBMs and for launching payloads, including intelligence satellites, into indispensable polar orbits. Vandenberg has the room, and the capability, to accommodate SSD. If necessary, housing, schools and other services can be provided on base, with the Lompoc/Santa Maria area absorbing the overflow. This could apply as well to contractor families.

This evening, you will hear from many segments of the community. Hopefully, when the evening is finished, you will have received an overall picture of our hopes, our desires, and our willingness to serve the national defense needs of our nation. We are a "second generation" Air Force community. Most people here do not even remember a time when the Air Force was not a part of the tableau of life in the North County.

Therefore, I welcome you, not as strangers, but as longtime friends. I urge you to listen to our concerns, as I know you will. And I know that you will find we are ready, as always, to welcome the Air Force as good neighbors, and willing participants in the work of defending our nation and our way of life.

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

STATEMENT OF THE HONORABLE MEL LEVINE
AUGUST 27 1990
PUBLIC HEARING ON EIS
LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE DIVISION

CONGRESSMAN LEVINE DEEPLY REGRETS NOT BEING ABLE TO ATTEND TONIGHT'S HEARING. MY NAME IS ELMY BERMEJO, THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO CONGRESSMAN LEVINE. HE ASKED THAT I READ HIS STATEMENT IN HIS ABSENCE.

GOOD EVENING. I'D LIKE TO EXPRESS MY CONTINUED OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED RELOCATION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION AT LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE. 15.2

COST REDUCTIONS ARE AND SHOULD BE THE PRIMARY OBJECT AS THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS BASE CLOSURES IN RESPONSE TO THE CHANGING MILITARY CLIMATE. EARLIER THIS YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE RELEASED A LIST OF BASES WHICH WOULD BE STUDIED FOR CLOSURE WITHOUT FIRST DEVISING NEW PLANS FOR U.S. DEFENSE STRATEGY AND

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FORCE STRUCTURE TO RESPOND TO CHANGING NATIONAL SECURITY NEEDS.

THIS LACK OF STRATEGIC FORETHOUGHT SEEMS PARTICULARLY EGREGIOUS IN THE PROPOSAL TO CLOSE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND MOVE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION ELSEWHERE. THE AIR FORCE ITSELF READILY AGREES THAT SSD WILL LIKELY GROW AND BE MORE CRITICAL TO U.S. DEFENSE STRATEGY THAN EVER BEFORE IN THE YEARS AHEAD. THE PRESENT LOCATION OF SPACE DIVISION IN THE HEART OF AMERICA'S AEROSPACE INDUSTRY IS IN MANY WAYS IDEALLY SUITED AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL FOR INDUSTRY AND SSD. UNLIKE PERHAPS OTHER BASES ON THE PROPOSED CLOSURE LIST, THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE IS OBVIOUSLY NOT A BASE THAT HAS REACHED THE END OF ITS USEFUL LIFESPAN.

IF MOVING SSD MAKES NO SENSE FROM A STATEGIC STANDPOINT, IT MAKES EVEN LESS SENSE FROM AN ECONOMIC STANDPOINT. THE COST TO RELOCATE SSD AND AEROSPACE CORPORATION COULD CONCEIVABLY RUN WELL OVER A BILLION DOLLARS, AND I AM NOT AWARE OF ANY STUDIES WHICH SHOW HOW THE U.S. TAXPAYER WILL RECOVER THESE COSTS BY SAVINGS ELSEWHERE IF SSD IS RELOCATED. DURING THE 1988 ROUND OF BASE CLOSURES, THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITEE INSTRUCTED THE BASE CLOSURE COMMISSION NOT TO CLOSE BASES UNLESS THE COSTS OF CLOSURE WERE JUDGED TO BE RECOUPABLE WITHIN SIX YEARS. I SERIOUSLY QUESTION

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WHETHER EVEN THIS MODEST STANDARD CAN BE MET IN THE CASE OF LA AIR FORCE BASE. IN CLOSING THIS BASE IT SEEMS WE WILL LOSE A LOT MORE MONEY THAN WE WILL SAVE.

THE AIR FORCE HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND LAND IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA. PRESENTLY, EL SEGUNDO, HAWTHORNE AND OTHER SOUTH BAY CITIES ARE EXPLORING WAYS TO AMELIORATE THESE COSTS, AND I AM PLEASED MANY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THESE LOCALITIES ARE PLANNING TO MAKE PRESENTATIONS THIS EVENING ABOUT THIS MATTER. WHILE THESE ARE SERIOUS CONCERNS, PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE ON GOVERNMENT PAYROLL, THEY DO NOT BY THEMSELVES JUSTIFY THE ENORMOUS EXPENDITURE RELOCATION OF SSD WOULD ENTAIL.

THE MEMBERS OF THIS COMMUNITY WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH THE AIR FORCE TO RESOLVE THE DIFFICULTIES FACED BY BASE EMPLOYEES AND TO WORK OUT ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS TO THESE CONCERNS. THIS IS THE MOST WISE AND COST EFFECTIVE OPTION FOR THE COMMUNITY, FOR THE AIR FORCE AND FOR THE NATION. I STRONGLY URGE THE AIR FORCE TO MAKE ITS RECOMMENDATION IN FAVOR OF KEEPING SPACE DIVISION AT LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE.

THANK YOU

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LOS ANGELES DEPUTY MAYOR MARK D. FABIANI
TESTIMONY
AUGUST 27, 1990

LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE

ON BEHALF OF LOS ANGELES MAYOR TOM BRADLEY, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE THIS EVENING.

THE CLOSURE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AND RELOCATION OF THE COMMAND SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION WOULD HAVE A DETRIMENTAL IMPACT UPON THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.

FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS, THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE HAS BEEN THE HOST BASE FOR SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. THIS PARTNERSHIP'S INTEGRAL PRESENCE HAS PROVIDED SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND THE NATION WITH INNUMERABLE BENEFITS.

CLOSURE WOULD RESULT IN SEVERE ECONOMIC LOSSES TO OUR CITY. THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE HAS CURRENT CONTRACTS IN THE LOS ANGELES BASIN OF $6.5 BILLION DOLLARS. WITH A YEARLY PAYROLL OF $109 MILLION, THE AIR FORCE BASE EMPLOYS 1,750 MILITARY AND 1,450 CIVILIANS, AND THE AEROSPACE DIVISION EMPLOYS 4,200 PERSONS. THE PROPOSED CLOSURE WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF 17,000 DIRECT AND SECONDARY JOBS.

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LOSSES OF SUCH STAGGERING PROPORTIONS MUST BE JUSTIFIED BY A COMPELLING NECESSITY FOR CLOSURE.

ECONOMIC FACTORS ARE CITED AS A MAJOR REASON FOR THE PROPOSED CLOSURE AND RELOCATION. YET THE ISSUE AT HAND IS PRIMARILY ADDITIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR AIR FORCE PERSONNEL. OF COURSE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS A GREAT CONCERN TO MOST SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EMPLOYERS. IN THE CASE OF LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE, THOUGH, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IS PREPARED TO DO WHATEVER IT CAN TO HELP. THE MAYOR HAS ALREADY BEGUN A SEARCH FOR SURPLUS CITY PROPERTY THAT MIGHT BE USED FOR AIR FORCE HOUSING. AND WE ARE READY TO TAKE WHATEVER OTHER STEPS WE CAN. THE AIR FORCE ITSELF RECENTLY ACQUIRED 370 ADDITIONAL UNITS AND IS ACTIVELY WORKING TOWARD ACQUIRING MORE.

THE UPROOTING OF THE ENTIRE BASE IS HARDLY A POSITIVE SOLUTION TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROBLEM. THE COST OF SUCH A MOVE WOULD BE PROHIBITIVE; THIS RELOCATION MONEY COULD CERTAINLY BE SPENT MORE PRODUCTIVELY.

IN SHORT, THE MAJOR DISRUPTION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S AEROSPACE INDUSTRY BY THE CLOSURE OF THIS BASE FOR HOUSING SUPPLY PURPOSES IS SIMPLY NOT JUSTIFIED.

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15.2 BEFORE YOU THIS EVENING ARE REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, AND EDUCATION, UNITED IN THE CONVICTION THAT THE INTERESTS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND THE NATION WILL BEST BE PROTECTED AND SERVED BY ALLOWING THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE TO REMAIN OPEN.

ON BEHALF OF MAYOR TOM BRADLEY, I SINCERELY URGE YOU TO MAKE THIS RECOMMENDATION TO SECRETARY CHENEY.

THANK YOU.

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Written Comment Sheet

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base And Relocation of Space Systems Division

Ballistic Missile Organization

GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS BOB HAMMOCK, 385 NO. ARROWHEAD, SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA. I AM THE FIFTH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO AND CO-CHAIR OF THE INLAND VALLEY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY COMPRISED OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, COLTON AND LOMA LINDA AND DEDICATED TO THE CONVERSION OF NORTON AIR FORCE BASE TO PRIVATE SECTOR ECONOMIC ACTIVITY FEATURING REAL ECONOMIC VITALITY.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON THE RELOCATION OF THE SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION. AS A SUPERVISOR REPRESENTING SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, I AM PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF ANY RELOCATION OF THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION LOCATED AT NORTON AIR FORCE BASE.

15.5 THE DRAFT E.I.S. CONCLUDES THAT 2,930 DIRECT JOBS AND 6,170 INDIRECT JOBS WILL BE LOST TO OUR COMMUNITY IF THE RELOCATION OCCURS. THIS LOSS OF 9,700 JOBS IS PROJECTED TO RESULT IN SEVERE ECONOMIC IMPACT. IT WILL INCLUDE LOSS OF 210 MILLION DOLLARS IN PERSONAL INCOME AND A TOTAL PROJECTED OUTMIGRATION OF 11,300 PEOPLE, SEVERELY AFFECTING THE OVERALL ECONOMIC OUTLOOK OF THIS REGION.

THE BOTTOM LINE IS THE ENORMOUS ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE CLOSURE OF MILITARY FACILITIES IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. DECISIONS TO CLOSE NORTON AND GEORGE AIR FORCE BASES HAVE ALREADY ENDANGERED THE ECONOMIC HEALTH OF OUR AREA.

Thank You For Your Comments - Page 1 of 2

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Ballistic Missile Organization

(continued)

THE ADDED BURDEN OF CLOSING B.M.O. AND PROPOSING TO RELOCATE IT OUTSIDE OUR REGION IS DEVASTATING.

SAN BERNARDINO NEEDS B.M.O. AS A VITAL PART OF ITS ECONOMY. IF IT MUST BE RELOCATED, HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE MOVED TO NEIGHBORING MARCH AIR FORCE BASE WHERE THE IMPACT, AS NOTED IN THE E.I.S., "WOULD BE NEUTRAL, WITH NO REDUCTION IN EMPLOYMENT, INCOME OR POPULATION IN THE COUNTY AREA." WHILE THERE WOULD STILL BE LOCALIZED ECONOMIC IMPACTS IN THE IMMEDIATE SAN BERNARDINO AREA, OUR OVERALL ECONOMY COULD AT LEAST BE SPARED ANOTHER MAJOR SET BACK.

WE IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY HAVE TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO ADDRESS THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THE CLOSURE OF NORTON AIR FORCE BASE. THE INLAND VALLEY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO CONVERT THE BASE TO PRIVATE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY. WE ASK FOR YOUR HELP IN THIS EFFORT, BY KEEPING THE BALLISTIC MISSILE ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE INLAND EMPIRE, THEREBY CONTRIBUTING TO OUR COMMUNITIES' ECONOMIC HEALTH.

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October 29, 1990

Gary D. Vest
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Dear Mr. Vest:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the project entitled Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AFB, California and Relocation of Space Systems Division. Our review is provided pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

Los Angeles Air Force Base (AFB) is the host Base for the Air Force Systems Command Space Systems Division (SSD) and SSD's Ballistic Missile Organization (BMO) in San Bernardino, California. The proposed action would involve closure of Los Angeles AFB and BMO with relocation of Air Force SSD and its supporting units to one or more of the following Air Force installations: Vandenburg AFB, California: March AFB, California: Petersen AFB/Falcon AFB, Colorado: Kirtland AFB, New Mexico. Alternatives to the proposed action include: 1) closure of Los Angeles AFB and relocation of SSD-LA with BMO facilities remaining open; 2) relocation of BMC and a portion of SSD-LA with a portion of Los Angeles AFB remaining open; 3) relocation of BMO, but not SSD-LA, with Los Angeles AFB remaining open; 4) relocation of approximately 1,900 personnel from SSD; 5) closure of Los Angeles AFB and relocation of portions of SSD-LA to March AFB with Aerospace Corporation remaining in its current facilities near Los Angeles AFB and BMC facilities remaining open; and 6) the No action alternative.

EPA has reviewed the DEIS and our comments reflect our concerns over the direct and indirect impacts that could result in the communities proposed to receive the relocated Air Force activities. Based upon our review and concerns, we have classified this DEIS as category EC-2, Environmental Concerns - Insufficient Information (see attached "Summary of the EPA Rating System"). Our detailed comments are enclosed.

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We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed project and request that four copies of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) be sent to this office at the same time it is filed with our Washington, D.C. office. If you have any questions, please call me at (415) 744-1019 or have your staff contact Rachel Dagovitz at (415) 744-1578.

Sincerely,

Deanna Wieman, Director
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EPA comments 10/90: LA AFB Closure

Closure Comments

1. The DEIS states that Los Angeles AFB would be placed into a caretaker status pending final disposition of the property. We recommend that the Air Force delineate the maintenance functions that would be continued while the property continues in this status. | 1.10

2. The FEIS should list and describe existing and pending environmental permits and their post-closure status. | 2.7

3. EPA recognizes and commends the Air Force on its commitment to hazardous waste cleanups and investigations. As is stated in the DEIS (p.3.2-7), the Installation Restoration Program will continue independent of the base closure process. | 8.4

Realignment Comments

1. The DEIS discusses water supply issues at Vandenburg and Kirtland Air Force Bases which are being considered as potential realignment sites. In the case of Vandenburg AFB, the Coastal Aqueduct Phase II project is identified as the means of obtaining additional water needed to accommodate realignment needs (p.3.3-12). However, the Coastal Aqueduct project Phase II is still in the planning stage with the public comment period having recently closed. Funding for the project has not yet been secured (telephone conversation with California Dept. of Water Resources). The Air Force should identify an alternate water source or indicate whether Vandenburg AFB would be dropped as a potential realignment site if the Coastal Aqueduct project is not implemented. | 10.27

At Kirtland AFB supplemental water requirements are met through the Albuquerque city water supply. Albuquerque is currently supplying 0.6 MGD to meet existing peak demands at Kirtland (p.3.4-14). We encourage the Air Force to consult with the Albuquerque city government regarding the additional demand on the city water system should Kirtland AFB be a selected realignment site. | 7.26

2. We recommend that the FEIS include an estimated schedule for closure, hazardous waste cleanup and property transfer. | 1.11

3. Base realignment, closure and rezone can have significant physical and economic impacts on the surrounding region. The FEIS should outline the public planning process which the Air Force is using.

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EPA comments 10/90: IA AFB Closure

Air Comments

11.43 1. The DEIS states that several of the proposed realignment sites are located in air quality nonattainment areas. Additional personnel and Air Force activities in these areas and project related emissions could delay the achievement of attainment status for some proposed areas (pps.4.3-22, 4.4-20, 4.5-22). The Clean Air Act [(Section 176 (c)] prohibits any Federal action that does not conform to an area's air quality implementation plan. We encourage the Air Force to work with the appropriate jurisdictional agency to ensure that proposed realignment development will conform with the applicable implementation plan (Federal or State). The Air Force realignment process must not interfere with the expeditious attainment of National Air Quality Standards. It is incumbent upon the Air Force to undertake every effort to ensure that projects which it funds and/or approves do not delay efforts or make it more difficult to attain air quality standards.

Section 404

13.18 The DEIS states that several of the proposed realignment sites contain wetlands areas which could be affected by construction (pps. 4.3-24, 4.4-23). The DEIS states that wetlands delineation studies will need to be conducted to determine if these areas are jurisdictional wetlands. The FEIS should contain the results of these studies.

The FEIS should also discuss whether the proposed realignment construction requires a Clean Water Section 404 permit from the Army Corps of Engineers. Section 404 regulates the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands and other special aquatic sites. We recommend that the Air Force work closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to ensure that the proposed construction is consistent with Section 404's requirements. EPA will review the proposed project for compliance with Federal Guidelines for Specification of Disposal Sites for Dredged or Fill Materials (40 CFR 230), promulgated pursuant Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act. To comply with the 404(b)(1) Guidelines, the proposed project must meet the following criteria:

1. The proposed discharge must be the practicable alternative which would have the least adverse impact on the aquatic ecosystem [40 CFR 230.10(a)]. All practicable alternatives to the proposed discharge which do not involve a discharge into a special aquatic site are presumed to have less adverse impact on the aquatic ecosystem unless clearly demonstrated otherwise by the applicant [40 CFR 230.10(a)(3)

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2. The proposed project does not violate State-adopted, EPA-approved water quality standards or jeopardize the continued existence of any species listed as threatened or endangered under the Federal Endangered Species Act [40 CFR 230.10(b)].

3. The proposed project must not cause or contribute to significant degradation of waters of the United States, including wetlands and other special aquatic sites [40 CFR 230.10(c)]. Significant degradation includes the loss of fish and wildlife habitat and the loss of other wetland habitat values and functions. Significant degradation includes cumulative impacts. 13.18

4. All appropriate and practicable steps have been taken to minimize adverse impacts on the aquatic ecosystem (i.e., mitigation) [40 CFR 230.10(d)]. It is necessary that the Air Force undertake every practicable effort to first avoid and then reduce the amount of fill placed into waters of the United States. The environmental statement's alternatives analysis should fully document the avoidance and minimization of adverse impacts on aquatic ecosystems. The FEIS must describe appropriate, practicable measures to compensate for the unavoidable loss of waters of the United States.

Biological Resources

1. EPA recommends that surveys be conducted for construction sites where it is believed that endangered, threatened or candidate species may exist. We encourage the Air Force to consult with the Fish and Wildlife Service and state fish and game agencies to develop a management plan where development is expected to impact or reduce habitat known to contain protected species. 13.19

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October 18, 1990

Facilities Engineering
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Dear Colonel Bartol:

Reference is made to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement of the Proposed Closure of Los Angeles AFB and Relocation of Space Systems Division.

61.5 Paragraph 2-2, page 2-3, of the referenced document mentions tenant units being relocated, and lists Fort MacArthur as being part of the closure. The California Army National Guard unit located on Fort MacArthur is a tenant of Los Angeles AFB through an indefinite license. Disposition of tenant units does not appear to have included 1st Brigade Headquarters (90 personnel), 40th Infantry Division, in the study.

61.9 The California Army National Guard is very interested in obtaining a license for use of the Lawndale Annex as an armory site. When Fort MacArthur closes, it would provide a replacement facility for the 1st Brigade. We would use the existing structure pending construction of a new armory.

Any assistance/advice you can provide regarding the availability of the Lawndale Annex, and to whom our request should be addressed, will be greatly appreciated. Point of contact is either me or MAJ Kevin Ellsworth, at AUTOVON 466-3537 (COMM (916) 973-3537.

Sincerely,

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San Bernardino County / Private Industry Council
"The Partnership that works"

October 10, 1990

Lieutenant Colonel Tom Bartol
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Dear Colonel Bartol:

On behalf of the Private Industry Council of San Bernardino County, I would like to express our support for the Ballistic Missile Organization remaining at Norton Air Force Base, San Bernardino, California.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the relocation of the Space System Division states that "the proposed closure of BMO facilities in San Bernardino and relocation of BMO operations to another installation outside the San Bernardino-Riverside County area would result in a reduction in employment in the area of approximately 4,350 jobs beginning in 1994, reaching a total of approximately 8,700 jobs by 1995. Of this total, about 2,530 would be direct military, civilian, and contractor positions at BMO, while 6,170 would be indirect workers"(Section 4.2.1.1, paragraph 3).

This action alone would have a significant impact on the employment conditions within the County. However, more importantly, it fails to consider the cumulative effect when combined with the impending closures of George and Norton Air Force Bases and the proposed reorganization of General Dynamics Corporation. All together, these closures will result in the loss of approximately 22,500 professional, technical, and support level positions. 4.13

The relocation of the Ballistic Missile Organization cannot be viewed as a separate item, but must be considered in the overall context of the projected employment situation. Section 3.2.1 of the Draft Environmental Impact Report states that this area's federal military jobs sector has experienced a very small amount of growth in recent years. While this may have been accurate for the past, the future for this area will be marked by significant lay-offs and dislocation of workers in this sector.

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The Private Industry Council of San Bernardino County, through the Job Training Partnership Act, will provide assistance to those workers dislocated by these actions. To serve the number of individuals as projected will require an infuse of federal funds that is beyond practical or fiscal feasibility. In order to provide placement for these professional and technical level employees, like positions must be available. The closure of SMO at Norton would further limit the possibilities of future employment for these individuals and greatly increase the hardship for them and their families.

If we can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact us at (714) 381-4136.

Sincerely,

Don Hardy
Chairman

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SUBJECT: Draft EIS for the Proposed Closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base, CA. and Relocation of the Space Systems Division.

Dear Lt. Colonel Bartol:

The San Luis Obispo County APCD is commenting on this project because it has potential to adversely affect regional air quality. The District has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Proposed Closure of the Los Angeles Air Force Base and relocation of all or part of it's activities to Vandenberg AFB near Santa Maria. We have also reviewed and agree with the comments made by Santa Barbara APCD and hereby incorporate those comments by reference into this letter. We offer the following as additional information, primarily addressing regional issues. The District agrees with findings that significant negative air quality impacts will result from construction and operation of the facility. Even so, we find the DEIS to be substantially flawed for the following reasons:

A. It does not quantify expected emission increase resulting from considerable immigration of new workers and their families.

B. It recommends almost no mitigation for expected air quality impacts resulting from immigration.

C. The DEIS does not evaluate any of the expected significant impacts in San Luis Obispo county.

As a "worst case", the Proposed Action would cause an immigration of about 38,000 people by 1995. Under this scenario, cumulative emissions increases, from both mobile and stationary sources, would be about:

Pollutant	Tons / Year (1995)
Reactive Organic Gas (ROG)	960
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	7300
Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx)	635
Respirable Particulate (PM10)	950

ROG and NOx are the most important precursors to ozone, or photochemical smog. PM10 is a class of fine particulate which lodges in the lungs and can cause

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permanent damage and disease. Carbon Monoxide, a product of incomplete combustion, harms the body by reducing the blood's ability to carry oxygen. While the first three classes of pollutants are of the most concern, CO can significantly impact the young, elderly and ill persons at levels near the state standard, a level (17 ppm) which is expected to occur in some areas near the project as a result of increased congestion. Adverse impacts to the young, elderly, and those with existing respiratory ailments can occur at CO levels near those predicted to result from this project.

The Santa Maria Valley and southern San Luis Obispo County are in the same airshed. Area winds fluctuate with the time of day and season: essentially there is potential for pollutants emitted anywhere in the airshed to wash over the entire basin. Studies of days when high ozone occur at Nipomo and Grover City, communities in southern San Luis Obispo county, reveal that above normal temperature and surface winds from the southwest dominate. Therefore, it is likely that emissions generated in Santa Barbara County contribute to exceedances of the state ozone standard in San Luis Obispo County. The significant pollutant emissions resulting from this project would substantially exacerbate that situation.

The California Clean Air Act (AB2595) requires all air pollution control districts in central California to achieve significant reductions in the existing emissions base over the next several years. For example, this District must reduce both ROG and NOx by 40% below 1987 baseline levels. Even greater emission reductions are necessary in Santa Barbara County. Thus, any new emissions will make achieving clean air goals that much more difficult. Efforts made to reduce the amount of air pollutants resulting from new development will aid efforts to meet the requirements of the law. The SLO APCD holds that Alternative 4 is environmentally superior because it would cause the smallest amount of immigration to the area. Unfortunately, the DEIS does not propose any air quality mitigations to reduce the impacts of increased population and traffic related emissions, no matter what Alternative is adopted. Therefore, the following discussion is focused on information that can be used in the Final EIS (FEIS) to define and quantify mitigations for the air quality impacts resulting from immigration.

The location of new regional trip generators (housing) or attractors (employment) affects traffic patterns throughout northern Santa Barbara and southern San Luis Obispo counties. Generally, in San Luis Obispo county traffic (Vehicle Miles Traveled) has been increasing almost twice as fast as population is growing. According to the San Luis Obispo County Area Coordinating Council's 1988 Highway 101 Corridor Study, about 45 percent of the the morning commute traffic at Nipomo is southbound. These commuters are presumably traveling to jobs in Santa Maria, at Vandenberg AFB, or points beyond. In the study, traffic congestion on Highway 101 near Nipomo was projected to degrade to Level of Service D in 1993, E in 1996, and F in 1999. These projections did not incorporate the additional attraction of a significant increase in jobs at Vandenberg AFB.

The District has conducted its own vehicle use surveys which indicate that commuters in our southern communities have the longest commutes of any residents of San Luis Obispo county. Many residents currently commute to jobs at Vandenberg AFB, preferring housing in this county because of its rural character, and reasonable cost. Although ridesharing programs are in place,

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about 90% of area commuters still drive alone. No commuter related transit service exists, nor does Vandenberg AFB currently have its own commuter related trip reduction program. Given current patterns, it is likely that many persons coming to work at Vandenberg AFB will reside in southern San Luis Obispo county and commute alone by private automobile to work, resulting in a substantial increase in vehicle emissions.

Several studies have shown that a serious jobs/housing imbalance currently exists in southern San Luis Obispo County. Development of a major attractor such as the proposed relocation will probably stimulate further residential construction in the Nipomo/Five Cities area, exacerbating the existing imbalance.

The FEIS should reflect the current situation and delineate probable negative impacts expected to occur to this county's roads and air quality. It is suggested that the FEIS summarize the requirements of the California Clean Air Act, which requires at a minimum, a 5% reduction of ozone precursors each year until the state standards are achieved. The District's Clean Air Plan assumes that 40% reductions in ozone precursor emissions will be necessary to comply with the requirements of the Act. Additional measures will have to be taken to reduce levels of PM10 emissions. Preliminary research by Santa Barbara APCD indicates that motor vehicles are a larger contributor to area PM10 emissions than was previously believed, primarily because they "re-entrain" road dust, much of which is worn tire particles, brake linings, etc. While more stringent tailpipe emissions will be forthcoming, the primary method of reducing re-entrained road dust on paved roads is to reduce the total number of miles driven.

According to guidelines established by the state Air Resources Board, San Luis Obispo can be classified as a "serious" nonattainment area, requiring "Transportation control measures to substantially reduce the rate of increase in passenger vehicle trips and miles traveled per trip.", (Sec. 40919 et sequencia). Santa Barbara County will likely be designated "severe" nonattainment, requiring "Transportation control measures to achieve an average during weekday commute hours of 1.5 or more persons per passenger vehicle by 1999, and no net increase in vehicle emissions after 1997." By these criteria, development and implementation of a Transportation Management Plan by the Air Force and its contractors will be necessary to achieve the requirements of the Clean Air Act.

Appropriate mitigations for both construction and operational impacts are addressed in detail in the following sections.

CONSTRUCTION EMISSIONS MITIGATIONS

Potential construction emissions are significant for several reasons:

1. Because of the need for dry weather, most earth moving activity takes place between May and October. Because it is warmer and sunshine is stronger, ozone formation from precursor emissions is enhanced. Therefore, from an air quality perspective earth moving equipment exhaust is emitted at the worst time of year.

2. Earth moving equipment is generally exempt from pollution controls already incorporated into 'on-road' diesel engines, such as those on

buses and heavy trucks. Consequently, particulate and oxide of nitrogen emissions are substantial, especially in the first few seconds of acceleration.

The DEIS states that, " the short term air quality impacts from project construction activities would not be significant." The District disagrees with this conclusion, because, as previously stated, very significant emission reductions are required in coming years. Most construction emissions occur during the "ozone season" so yearly averaging as performed in the DEIS is misleading; and because increases above current levels could make achieving the required 5%/year reductions even more difficult. Therefore the District recommends that equipment engine size be reduced, and alternate fuels be used to reduce ROG and NOx emissions. Additional measures should also be utilized whenever practical. The following conditions are routinely recommended by SLO APCD for projects having potential to create significant particulate emissions:

Fugitive Dust

1. During clearing, grading, earth moving or excavation:

   a. Use of water trucks or sprinkler systems in sufficient quantities to prevent airborne dust from leaving the site. Frequency of watering will vary with existing weather conditions but, at a minimum, should include the wetting of all actively worked areas at least once in the morning and once in the afternoon.

   b. All dirt stock-pile areas should be sprayed daily as needed.

2. After clearing, grading, earth moving or excavation is completed:

   a. Permanent dust control measures identified in the approved project revegetation and landscape plans should be implemented as soon as possible following completion of any soil disturbing activities.

   b. Exposed ground areas that are planned to be reworked at dates greater than one month after initial grading should be sown with a fast-germinating native grass seed and watered until vegetation is established.

   c. All disturbed soil areas not subject to revegetation should be stabilized using approved chemical soil binders, jute netting, or other methods approved in advance by the APCD.

3. During construction:

   a. Water trucks or sprinkler systems should be used in sufficient quantities on haul roads and other areas of vehicle movement to prevent airborne dust from leaving the site. At a minimum, this would include wetting down such areas in the late morning and after work is completed for the day. Increased watering frequency would be required whenever wind speeds exceed 15 mph.

   b. All roadways, driveways, sidewalks, etc. should be paved as soon as possible. In addition, building pads should be laid as soon as

possible after grading unless seeding or soil binders are used.

Exhaust Emissions From Construction Equipment

On large construction projects, many types of heavy equipment are used concurrently and diesel engine emissions can be substantial. The following measures have been shown effective in reducing these emissions:

1. Equipment adjustments and modifications:

   a. Use of Caterpillar precombustor diesel engines (or equivalent) together with proper maintenance and operation can substantially reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx).

   b. Retardation of injection timing and adjustment of air-to-fuel ratios, where feasible, can also provide substantial NOx reductions.

2. Activity management techniques:

   a. Development of a comprehensive construction activity management plan designed to minimize the amount of large construction equipment operating during any given period.

   b. Scheduling of construction truck trips during non-peak hours to reduce peak hour emissions.

   c. Limiting the length of the construction work-day, if necessary.

   d. Phasing of construction activities, if appropriate.

It is recommended that a construction mitigation plan be prepared utilizing the most effective combination of these strategies to reduce construction emissions to the maximum extent feasible.

OPERATIONS EMISSION MITIGATIONS

It should be stressed at the outset of this discussion that road widening, intersection expansion, signalization, etc. have limited potential as air quality mitigations. As has been shown many times throughout the county, road improvements facilitate single occupant vehicle commuting, with commensurately increased motor vehicle pollution. From an air quality perspective, simple statements in the EIR that congestion will occur and roads should be widened to accommodate increased traffic are not acceptable as mitigation of negative impacts. True mitigation is achieved by increasing the number of persons traveling in each vehicle, or utilizing nonpolluting strategies such as telecommuting, compressed work weeks, or bicycling.

Therefore, the SLO APCD recommends that a Transportation Management Plan (TMP) be prepared to reduce single-occupant commute trips attracted to the Base. The FEIS does not have to be a TMP, but it should outline what would be contained in the Plan, what will be achieved, and expected emissions that will be avoided by implementation. The TMP's purpose is to increase the Average Vehicle Ridership (AVR) of employees. Simply put, AVR is the total number of employees arriving at a work site, divided by the number of private motor vehicles (cars,

trucks, motorcycles) arriving at the site. Current AVR for commuters in central California is between 1.1 and 1.2. That is, for every 100 vehicles there are between 110 and 120 people in those vehicles. The objective of a TMP for this project should be to achieve an AVR sufficient to reduce air quality impacts to acceptable levels. For example, achieving an AVR of 1.5 will reduce traffic by about one third (1.1 / 1.5 = .36); achieving an AVR of 1.75 reduces traffic impacts by about 40% (1.1 / 1.75 = .63).

TMPs can be extremely effective at reducing peak hour traffic as well as reducing air pollution. For example, the City of Pleasanton's program reduces peak hour traffic by 45%! If an effective program was adopted at this project site, many costly road expansion projects required to serve commuters traveling to the jobs on Base would probably not be necessary.

A Transportation Management Plan defines a series of measures an employer should implement to encourage use of alternatives to the single occupant vehicle for employee commutes. Such measures usually involve a combination of incentives for the use of alternate travel modes, and disincentives for drive-alone commuters.

1. The following measures are usually standard components of a TMP:

   a) Designation of a Transportation Coordinator at each work site, with a Program Manager to oversee all trip reduction activities at Vandenberg AFB, and at off-Base worksites.

   b) Posting of information at the worksite regarding trip reduction measures, and the agency's commitment to its adopted programs.

   c) Use of the regional ridesharing computer matching program.

2. The following is a menu of additional strategies that can be selected to tailor the TMP to the specific needs of the organization. The column on the left represents a suggested amount of AVR credit given for each measure shown. The employer chooses the most effective combination of these measures in order to meet the defined AVR goal.

AVR CREDIT	MEASURE
.10	Trained onsite TMP coordinator.
.05	Post ridesharing information (available from County Ridesharing Coordinator).
.05	Pay mileage to employees for riding a bike on Company business. (7 to 9 cents per mile is common).
.09	Subsidize employees public transit passes (usually $15/month).
.05	Onsite sale of transit passes.
.05	Construct site specific transit shelters.
.05	Preferential carpool/vanpool parking.

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.05	Bicycle parking and bicycle shelter.
*	Monthly parking fee for employee vehicles: reduced rate or free for carpools (.01 point for each dollar charged up to .30 points).
.05	Telecommuting program one or more days per week for eligible employees.
.10	Compressed work week (4/10 schedule= reduces commuting 20%).
.05	Flexible work hours for carpools (cyclists, pedestrians, etc.
.05	Guaranteed ride home in case of illness or emergency for carpoolers, transit riders, etc.
.05	On site childcare (more credit if high number of working mothers).
.10	Onsite employee lunch facilities, e.g. cafeteria (minimizes lunch time driving).
.05	Employer sponsored vanpool(s). (Loans, and grants may be available from Caltrans or other agency).
*	Direct payment for rebates of parking facilities (.01 point for each dollar payed monthly, up to .30 points)

* variable credit

In addition to the proposed strategies, the TMP would also contain provisions for compliance monitoring, such as periodic driveway counts and an annual employee survey. It is recommended that the Plan be reviewed and approved by the Santa Barbara APCD prior to implementation by the applicant; compliance reporting would also be submitted to the District for review and approval.

Offsets

The concept of offsets is often used when permitting new or modified stationary sources of air pollution. If the permitted facility cannot directly reduce emissions at the source, then the new emissions are offset by reducing pollution at another nearby facility. Due to the size, scope and timing of this project, offsets of both construction and operating emissions will be required to mitigate the substantial impacts projected. Since the primary source of air pollution from the project will come from motor vehicles, it is appropriate that offsets with potential to reduce auto use be implemented. Examples are given below:

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1. No commuter transit service is currently available between southern San Luis Obispo County and any part of Santa Barbara County. Given the probable use of such a service by many current commuters, as well as future project employees, commuter transit service could be a very effective offset for project emissions.

2. Some areas of the Base and surrounding communities may currently need transit stops, which could be funded by the Air Force. Sheltered, signed stops are shown by research to be a definite incentive for drivers to leave their car at home and ride the bus.

3. Construction of bikepaths on Base and in surrounding communities would encourage motorists to bicycle because of improved safety and convenience. Bicycling is most popular for trips of 5 miles or less. Recent data shows that about one half of all trips are 5 miles or less. Short trips create a disproportionately large amount of emissions when compared to longer trips, therefore any measure which reduces short trips made by automobile could reduce area-wide emissions, offsetting emission increases related to the Proposed Action. As an example, this District has calculated that both ROG and NOx can be reduced by about 100 tons/year if bike infrastructure is developed such that only 5% of all trips are shifted from automobiles to bicycles.

4. Retrofitting of transit vehicles to cleaner fuels is another option; a demonstration project for two natural gas powered commuter buses is now being conducted by Santa Barbara APCD in order to reduce commuter related emissions. Employment at the Base will be so substantial under any of the Propose Alternatives that a Vandenberg transit system could effectively reduce thousands of daily commuter trips.

5. Park-n-Ride lots are very popular if conveniently located. In fact, most of the existing lots in San Luis Obispo county are full to overflowing. Development of these lots throughout the Santa Maria Valley could effectively remove hundreds of commuter vehicles from area roads.

6. Other offsets are only limited by creativity of design and commitment to implement them concurrent with the Proposed Action.

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The project in any of its manifestations will create significant short term and long term air quality impacts, as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act and the local District's thresholds of significance. Additionally, project emissions have the potential to delay attainment of the state ozone and PM10 standards in both Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. The FEIS needs to address these concerns and prepare an air quality impacts evaluation specific to San Luis Obispo county. Recommended mitigations should include a strong and comprehensive Transportation Management Plan, a mitigation plan for construction impacts, and an emission offset program designed to substantially reduce the residual air quality impacts of the project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the District at (805) 549-9912.

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APPENDIX F.3 COMMENT RESPONSES

APPENDIX F.3 - COMMENT RESPONSES

Responses to the comments identified in the public hearing transcripts (Appendix F.1) and the submitted written comments (Appendix F.2) are presented in this appendix. The comment responses are grouped by issue area and presented by issue code number. Issue areas include the following:

1. Air Force Policy
2. Environmental Impact Analysis Process
3. Project Description/Siting
4. Community Setting
5. Land Use and Aesthetics
6. Transportation
7. Utilities
8. Hazardous Materials/Waste Management
9. Geology and Soils
10. Water Resources
11. Air Quality
12. Noise
13. Biological Resources
14. Cultural Resources
15. General Comments

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Issue Area 1: Air Force Policy

1.1 Mission capability, the cost of relocation, and ongoing operational costs are all factors which will be considered by the Air Force in a decision on the relocation of Space Systems Division. However, these issues are beyond the scope of this EIS. Comments in these areas have been forwarded to the appropriate Air Force office.

1.2 Impacts to the environment, as analyzed in this EIS, will be one of several factors considered in the decision regarding the closure of Los Angeles AFB and relocation of the Space Systems Division.

1.3 The Air Force is interested in maintaining the highest possible levels of experience and expertise within its military, civilian, and contractor work forces. However, comments on these types of issues are beyond the scope of this EIS and have therefore been forwarded to the appropriate Air Force office.

1.4 Issues related to the legal interpretation of the Base Closure and Realignment Act are beyond the scope of this EIS.

1.5 Comment noted. Section 2.2 has been modified to reflect the on-base presence of the subject unit.

1.6 The Air Force appreciates the convenience afforded by the close proximity of many of its contractors to the current location of Space Systems Division. This is one of many factors which will be considered in the decision on the closure of Los Angeles Air Force Base and relocation of Space Systems Division. However, these considerations are beyond the scope of this EIS. Comments in these areas have been forwarded to appropriate decision makers.

1.7 The Air Force has investigated the availability of housing in the communities under consideration for the relocation of Space Systems Division. This information was used in the determination of Military Family Housing requirements due to an SSD move. Housing availability has been further evaluated in the Supplemental Economic Studies being prepared by the Air Force to analyze the potential economic impacts on the communities under study for the relocation of SSD.

1.8 Comments concerning funding for local services are beyond the scope of the EIS except where growth or changes in these services lead to impacts on the biophysical environment. However, the Air Force is conducting separate supplemental economic studies to analyze the potential economic impacts to communities being considered as sites for the relocation of Space Systems Division. These studies will address, among other things, community facilities and services, and fiscal impacts to local governments. Results of these studies will be provided to appropriate decision makers prior to a decision on closure or relocation.

1.9 Comments concerning possible future uses of Los Angeles AFB are beyond the scope of this EIS. However, comments of this type have been forwarded to the appropriate office.

1.10 Caretaker status as currently defined is shown in Section 2.3.1.1 of the EIS. More specific details of caretaker status would be delineated if a decision is made to close the base.

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1.11 The time period for the proposed action is fiscal year 1993 through 1996. The drawdown schedule for base personnel during this period is shown in Figure 2.2-6 of the EIS. Hazardous waste cleanup, as implemented in the Air Force's Installation Restoration Program (IRP), is independent of the base closure schedule and will continue until remediation is completed. Transfer of base property will be addressed in a disposal and reuse EIS if a decision is made to close the base.

1.12 Issues regarding the disposition of government property at Los Angeles AFB are beyond the scope of the EIS. Comments have been forwarded to the appropriate Air Force office.

1.13 The content of special legislation regarding disposal of Los Angeles AFB property is beyond the scope of this EIS. The comment has been forwarded to the appropriate Air Force office.

1.14 The Air Force is committed to working with state and local agencies to insure that traffic impacts due to the possible relocation of SSD are mitigated to the extent possible.

1.15 Under current plans, the assumption in the comment is correct, there would be no action without the special legislation.

1.16 The Local Economic Consequences Studies are given only to the local officials in the areas they apply to and members of Congress. The general public will not have an opportunity to review and comment on these studies.

1.17 The cost of related aerospace businesses relocations being passed onto the government is a factor which will be considered in the decision regarding the relocation of Space Systems Division. However, it is an issue that is beyond the scope of this EIS. The comment has been forwarded to the appropriate Air Force office.

Issue Area 2: Environmental Impact Analysis Process

2.1 Potential environmental impacts of the proposed closure and relocation of SSD are included in the EIS. The strategic, operational, budgetary, fiscal and local economic consequences are appropriately covered in other documents, as they are not considered cumulative with the environmental consequences. All those studies will be available to the decision maker before any decision is made on closure. Decisions on closure and reuse are considered independent and separate environmental documentation will be prepared for each.

2.2 The scoping comments submitted by the County of Santa Barbara and the City of Lompoc were given equal consideration along with all other scoping comments received by the Air Force. As stated, the comments were both informative and appropriate, and were considered in the evaluation of potential environmental impacts of the proposed relocation of SSD to Vandenberg AFB.

2.3 The Air Force will submit appropriate documents, if any, required by the Coastal Zone Management Act.

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2.4 Mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate potential impacts at Vandenberg AFB are listed in Section 4.7.

2.5 Comment noted. A copy of the DEIS was provided to the Southern California Association of Governments. A copy of the FEIS will also be sent to the agency.

2.6 The Air Force is not planning to do further environmental analysis of the possible relocation of Space Systems Division (SSD) beyond that contained in this EIS. However, the Air Force fully intends to perform necessary coordination with local government organizations during the planning and design stages of any project to relocate the SSD.

2.7 Existing and pending permits at Los Angeles AFB are listed in Section 3.1.12 (TBS). The Record of Decision, if one is issued, will describe their post-closure status.

2.8 The Draft Environmental Impact Report for the State Water Project Coastal Branch, Phase II and Mission Hills Extension was reviewed during the preparation of the EIS and appropriate information was considered in the analysis.

2.9 Social issues such as the proportion of defense-related jobs in a community and the effects of a proposed action on local politics, newspapers, and schools are beyond the scope of this EIS.

Issue Area 3: Project Description/Siting

3.1 Section 2.4.3.1 of the EIS has been revised accordingly. A portion of Site 1 is within the 222-acre area leased by the Air Force from the City of Colorado Springs, but, as stated by the commentor, also consists of lands that are privately owned and part of the Banning-Lewis Ranch. Lands north and east of Site 1 across Marksheffel Road and southeast of Site 1 on both sides of Marksheffel Road are also part of the Banning-Lewis Ranch.

3.2 Section 2.4.3.2 of the EIS has been revised accordingly.

3.3 The proposed action and alternatives for the Peterson AFB/Falcon AFB location do not include the construction of any military family housing at Peterson AFB.

3.4 The information regarding potential changes in departure routing for the new north-south runway at the Colorado Springs Municipal Airport is noted. If Peterson AFB is selected as the relocation site, the Air Force will work closely with the Federal Aviation Administration and the City of Colorado Springs with regard to the siting of facilities in relation to the noise contours for the new runway. If any buildings are constructed in noise impacted areas, the buildings will be designed and constructed to meet applicable DOD, Air Force, and other federal noise regulations and policies.

3.5 Design and construction of facilities at any of the proposed sites at Peterson AFB will be done in compliance with Air Force and FAA regulations and policies regarding horizontal and vertical clearance and prevention of visual and electronic interference.

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3.6 The information regarding additional access to Site 1 at March AFB is noted. If Site 1 is selected, the Air Force will consider providing additional access to the site in the planning and design of facilities and required infrastructure improvements.

3.7 As stated in the public hearing speech (see March AFB public hearing transcript [Transcript 4, pages 18-19] in Appendix F.1), Alternative 4 involves "the relocation of 1,000 personnel from SSD with no facility closure at either El Segundo or San Bernardino." Unlike the other alternatives, Alternative 4 does not represent a specific organizational group, but is instead a generalized representation of the current personnel structure of SSD. Alternative 4 is described in more detail in Section 2.3.4 of the EIS.

3.8 The Aerospace Corporation laboratories are an integral part of the in-line support that this organization provides to the Air Force during the planning, development, acquisition, launch verification, and operation of national defense space systems. The laboratories are used in a real-time, quick reaction mode to address problems encountered during the systems development process. The Aerospace Corporation and its laboratories are integral to SSD for both long-term development and rapid-response teams to solve real-time problems for launches and operations of the system. The proposed action and alternatives were developed with consideration of the efficient location of all organizational elements of SSD.

3.9 Factors such as security and support services make sites that are not on or contiguous with Department of Defense installations unreasonable alternatives.

3.10 The Air Force has determined the availability of the Kirtland East Hospital to accommodate SSD activities, and there is no conflict with the Space Technology Center or other defined programs.

3.11 Organizational structure and manpower requirements within the Air Force are currently undergoing changes. Consequently, organizational changes may occur within SSD which, at the time of publication of this EIS, have not yet been foreseen. Alternative 4 is provided to give decision makers the flexibility to respond to these unforeseen changes. Unlike the other alternatives, Alternative 4 does not represent a specific organizational group, but is instead a generalized representation of the current personnel structure of SSD.

3.12 The onbase acreage estimates of potentially disturbed areas presented in Section 4.3 to 4.6 and the Summary for each relocation option are based on the identified space requirements for various facilities presented in Table 2.2-2. The acreage estimates include the square footage requirements and additional areas that would be disturbed during construction. These additional areas would include areas for parking lots, roads, other infrastructure improvements, and landscaping associated with specific facilities. The offbase acreage estimates were based on the projected demand for new housing in each affected community and associated demands for commercial, industrial, public, and infrastructure land uses.

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3.13 As stated in Section 2.2 of the EIS, the proposed action is contingent upon special legislation permitting the Air Force to dispose of the real property and use the proceeds to partially offset Military Construction (MILCON) costs at the selected relocation installation. This special legislation would exempt the real property from existing public law provisions for disposing of public property.

3.14 The Space Systems Division facility square footage needs presented in the DEIS were determined by the Air Force based on identified future manpower and mission requirements. Subsequent to the publication of the DEIS, these needs were further refined and adjusted as necessary. Corrected square footage requirements for the Proposed Action are shown in the EIS in Section 2.2.1.

3.15 The discussion of cumulative environmental impacts at March AFB is provided in Section 4.4.12 of the EIS.

3.16 The Air Force Village West development is not proposed, but has been in existence for several years. The additional demands placed on March AFB support facilities by the people residing in this development are already considered in the baseline support requirements for the base. The additional support facility requirements for the realignment of units from Norton AFB to March AFB were considered in the development of space requirements for base operating support facilities for the proposed relocation of SSD.

3.17 The potential environmental impacts associated relocation of the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO) to March AFB as part of the realignment of units from Norton AFB is considered in a separate EIS prepared for that proposed action. The increased handling and storage of hazardous wastes at March AFB as a result of the DRMO relocation would not have an impact on the proposed SSD relocation. The proposed location for the DRMO is in proximity to both Sites 1 and 2 at March AFB, and would therefore facilitate the handling and storage of hazardous wastes resulting from the SSD operations and reduce the potential for accidents involving hazardous wastes.

3.18 A review of the real estate market in the vicinity of Peterson AFB/Falcon AFB determined that adequate off-base housing was available, and therefore no additional military family housing is required.

3.19 While operational cost, such as the cost of environmental compliance, is one of many factors which will be considered by the Air Force in a decision on the relocation of Space Systems Division, it is beyond the scope of this EIS. Comments in these areas have been forwarded to the appropriate Air Force office.

3.20 This EIS was prepared to address the environmental impacts of the proposed closure of Los Angeles AFB and relocation of Space Systems Division. If the base is closed, appropriate environmental analysis and documentation will be prepared to address the reuse and disposal of the property.

3.21 The Air Force will submit appropriate documents, if any, required by the Coastal Zone Management Act.

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3.22 Comments related to the formulation of new proposed or alternative actions to be analyzed are beyond the scope of this EIS. Comments in these areas have been forwarded to the appropriate decision makers.

3.23 Falcon AFB has not been eliminated from consideration as a proposed site for the relocation of SSD. Potential environmental impacts of the proposed relocation are described in Section 4.5 of the EIS.

3.24 Due to the generous size of the site and other available options, the Air Force has decided to prevent any impacts to the prehistoric campsites at Peterson AFB Site 3 by avoiding them in the placement and construction of facilities. This change removes the possibility of any significant impact to the prehistoric campsites at site 3 as identified in the DEIS. While the Air Force appreciates the cooperation received to date from all of the host communities at the bases being considered for the potential relocation of Space Systems Division, it has not yet entered into any agreements concerning sites or other project parameters with any of these communities. The sites shown in the EIS represent those areas which have been analyzed for environmental impacts which would result from the relocation. The portion or portions of any chosen site which would be used would be determined during the planning and design phases.

3.25 The Air Force has considered the technical and support facilities that are proposed for construction as part of the realignment of units from March AFB in the development of technical and support facility space requirements for the proposed action and alternatives.

3.26 While the costs or savings of relocation is one of many areas which will be considered in the decision on the closure of Los Angeles AFB and relocation of Space Systems Division, it is beyond the scope of issues considered in the EIS. Comments in these areas have been forwarded to the appropriate Air Force office.

3.27 Housing Area 1 has been removed from consideration as a proposed site for construction of military family housing at Vandenberg AFB. The potential environmental impacts to Housing Areas 2A to 2F for the proposed action and alternatives are described in Section 4.3 of the EIS.

3.28 There is no proposal to close Peterson AFB and thus no plan for accomplishing its closure.

3.29 For the purpose of analysis in the EIS (Section 2.2.2), it is assumed that with a relocation of SSD to March AFB, approximately 65 percent of the current Ballistic Missile Organization (BMO) personnel would not relocate closer to March AFB, but would remain in their current residences. Because many of the current BMO personnel reside in the San Bernardino-Redlands area, this would potentially contribute to an increase in congestion on roads between the base and San Bernardino and result in additional air pollutant emissions.

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Issue Area 4: Community Setting

4.1 Issues regarding the loss of revenue and employment in the Los Angeles AFB area are beyond the scope of the EIS. Potential socioeconomic effects that may result from the closure of the base are evaluated in the Local Economic Consequences Study prepared for Los Angeles AFB as described in Section 1.2.3 of the EIS.

4.2 The adequacy and feasibility of potential mitigation measures for impacts of the proposed action and alternatives will be considered by the decision-maker. Potential mitigation measures are listed in Section 4.7 of the EIS.

4.3 Comments regarding existing housing stock or efforts underway to provide additional housing at Los Angeles AFB are noted. This information will be forward to the appropriate decision-makers.

4.4 Issues related strictly to the potential socioeconomic effects of closing Los Angeles AFB and/or the Ballistic Missile Organization facilities are beyond the scope of this EIS. These issues are addressed in the Local Economic Consequences Studies which evaluate the potential economic effects of closing these facilities.

4.5 The issue of potential effects of the proposed action and alternatives on educational services at each of the proposed relocation sites is beyond the scope of this EIS, but is being evaluated in the Supplemental Economic Studies being prepared for each of the four locations. Results of these studies will be provided to appropriate decision-makers prior to a decision on closure or relocation.

4.6 The text in Section 4.2.1.1 of the DEIS was incorrect with regard to the percentage of direct and secondary civilian employees who would relocate to the selected installation. The text should have read "60 percent of the direct and 10 percent of the secondary employees and dependents would relocate."

4.7 This EIS evaluates the potential impacts of relocating SSD to Vandenberg AFB and the other proposed locations. The Air Force recognizes that a rapid population increase in a short period of time may strain the local communities' ability to provide necessary services. If Vandenberg AFB, or any of the other locations, is selected as the receiving installation, the Air Force is committed to working closely with the potentially affected support communities in planning for and accommodating such population increases, and ensuring that potential impacts are mitigated to the extent feasible. In addition, while the four-year time frame was used for analysis in the DEIS, it represents the maximum potential impact. The drawdown/relocation of personnel and construction of facilities could occur over a longer period of time.

4.8 This EIS includes an analysis of the potential impacts on water, traffic, and biological resources at Vandenberg AFB in Section 4.3. Potential mitigation measures are listed in Section 4.7. The Air Force will commit to specific mitigation measures in the Record of Decision, if one is issued. Issues related to increased demands for public services are beyond the scope of this EIS, but are being evaluated in the Supplemental Economic Studies being prepared for each of the proposed relocation sites.

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4.9 If the Ballistic Missile Organization is closed, the approximately 2,500 job positions associated with this organization will be transferred to the selected relocation installation. It is recognized that some employees may decide not to relocate to the selected location, but it cannot be assumed that all of these employees will subsequently begin commuting to jobs outside of the Inland Empire. Additional factors, such as the number of military who would transfer and the number of civilians expected to relocate or retire would reduce the commuting population to numbers that when considered in terms of regional air quality would be insignificant. While some employees may choose to commute long distances, it is expected that those employees who choose not to relocate will do so because of similar job opportunities that are available in the local area.

4.10 Comments related to the availability and affordability of housing at the proposed relocation sites are beyond the scope of this EIS. Such issues are being evaluated in the Supplemental Economic Studies being prepared for each proposed relocation site.

4.11 The difference in the loss of regional income between the EIS and the Local Economic Consequences Studies (LECS) results from a difference in the Region of Influence considered in each analysis. The EIS considered a much more localized area around the Ballistic Missile Organization facilities than did the LECs and used a different economic model to determine potential effects.

4.12 Comments regarding the methodology or results of the Local Economic Consequences studies prepared for Los Angeles AFB and the Ballistic Missile Organization are beyond the scope of this EIS. Comments in these areas have been forwarded to the offices preparing those studies.

4.13 Issues regarding the potential socioeconomic effects of closing Los Angeles AFB and/or the Ballistic Missile Organization are beyond the scope of the EIS, but have been evaluated in the Local Economic Consequences studies prepared for each location. A second EIS will be prepared for the disposal and reuse of Norton AFB. If the BMO is selected for relocation, its former facilities will be included in the Norton AFB disposal and reuse process. In addition to the EIS, a separate economic study will be prepared to consider the economic impacts of base closure and reuse on the surrounding communities. Cumulative economic impacts of other base closures in the area will also be considered in this study.

4.14 The increases in population and employment projected for the Vandenberg AFB region are based on currently available economic data. Because the North County area has grown since the Space Shuttle program was canceled, adjusting the economic analysis to account for this loss would not provide an accurate assessment of the potential effects on the local communities. However, the EIS analysis does consider facilities on the base and in the communities (e.g., hotels) that have excess capacity that can be partially attributed to the larger population that was previously associated with the base.

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4.15 Of the 9,310 job positions that would be relocated for the proposed action, approximately 7,560 or 80 percent of these jobs would be civilian. In addition, it is expected that at the most, only 80 percent of the existing SSD and Aerospace Corporation employees would relocate and therefore some new employees would be hired locally.

4.16 The EIS does not conclude that the housing vacancies created by the cancellation of the Space Shuttle program would be available for the personnel associated with the proposed SSD relocation. The evaluation of housing availability in each of support communities was based on current housing data and concluded that, while some housing is currently available, additional housing would need to be constructed in each of the communities.

4.17 The purpose of the EIS is to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action and alternatives. Potential changes to the local communities, including population and public services, were considered only in the context in which potential environmental impacts may occur. Potential socioeconomic impacts that are not interrelated to impacts on the physical and natural environment are beyond the scope of this EIS. Socioeconomic effects expected in each of the communities under consideration as proposed relocation sites are evaluated in the Supplemental Economic Studies prepared for each location.

4.18 The purpose of the EIS is to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action and alternatives. The Air Force recognizes that the inmigration of over 20,000 people may result in certain social effects on the support communities, and is committed to working with each community to lessen any potential changes that may occur.

4.19 Information on labor force qualifications in the Inland Empire is noted and has been forwarded to the appropriate decision-makers as part of the official record.

4.20 Commitment of the Moreno Valley Unified School District to work with the Air Force if March AFB base is selected as the relocation site is noted.

4.21 The purpose of the EIS is to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action and alternatives. Potential social impacts were considered only in the context in which potential environmental impacts may occur. Potential socioeconomic impacts that are not interrelated to impacts on the physical and natural environment are considered to be beyond the scope of the EIS. As stated, potential socioeconomic effects expected in each of the communities under consideration as proposed relocation sites are evaluated in the Supplemental Economic Studies that have been prepared for each location.

4.22 Potential cumulative environmental impacts of the proposed relocation of SSD to Vandenberg AFB and the proposed Vandenberg Land Interest Acquisition program are considered in Section 4.3.12 of the EIS. However, socioeconomic issues related to recreational opportunities in the Central Coast region are beyond the scope of this EIS.

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4.23 The sentence referenced is in regard to direct employment increases that would occur at Vandenberg AFB. However, it is recognized that the proposed action and alternatives would result in an increase in indirect employment in the support communities as described in EIS Section 4.3.1.

4.24 The number of indirect jobs reported in the EIS includes only those that would be created in Santa Barbara County. Additional indirect jobs would be created in other areas of Southern California and the throughout the United States.

4.25 Section 3.3.1 of the EIS has been revised.

4.26 EIS Section 3.3.1 has been revised accordingly.

4.27 The determination of the military family housing requirement for Vandenberg AFB considered the availability of existing housing at the base.

4.28 The EIFS model is an economic or export base model that separates the economy into two major sectors. The basic sector is defined as those firms or organizations that sell goods and services to markets outside the area. The remainder of the area's economy consists of firms that provide goods and services within the area. The economic relationship between these two sectors determines the aggregate multiplier for the region. The EIFS model uses its national database to calculate aggregate multipliers for any defined region on the basis of the size and types of industry within the area.

4.29 The text in Section 4.3.1.1 of the DEIS was incorrect regarding the assumptions on where inmigrants to the Vandenberg AFB region would be expected to reside. The text should have stated 80 percent of the inmigrants living offbase would be expected to reside in the Santa Maria-Orcutt area, 10 percent would live in the Lompoc area (including Vandenberg Village and Missions Hills), and 10 percent would live in other incorporated and unincorporated areas of north Santa Barbara County. Based on information provided subsequent to the publication of the DEIS, the assumptions have been changed and now estimate that 70 percent of the inmigrants would live in the Santa Maria-Orcutt area and 20 percent would live in the Lompoc area.

4.30 Differences in indirect land use requirements for each location are based on the number of people expected to inmigrate to each area and the projected availability of existing housing stock and other facilities. Because more people are expected to immigrate to the Vandenberg AFB area than the Kirtland AFB area, the indirect requirement for land would therefore be larger.

4.31 The determination of indirect land requirements was based on a methodology provided in *Impact of Growth* (Canter et al. 1985). Appendix A has been revised to include this reference.

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4.32 The conclusion regarding cumulative impacts that was stated in Section 4.1.12 was based on the context that, although some economic consequences may result from the recent changes in the aerospace industry in the Southern California and the various base closures listed, such changes in the economy of the Southern California region would not result in any cumulative biophysical impacts. Issues regarding the cumulative economic consequences that are not interrelated to the biophysical environment are beyond the scope of this EIS.

4.33 Comments provided at the public hearings on the socioeconomic characteristics of the proposed relocation communities are noted and have been incorporated into the EIS where appropriate.

4.34 Issues regarding the economic diversification of Colorado Springs are beyond the scope of this EIS.

4.35 Issues regarding the impacts on community infrastructure that are not interrelated to impacts on the biophysical environment are beyond the scope of this EIS. Comments have been forwarded to the appropriate decision-makers.

4.36 The jobs associated with the industries that support SSD and the Aerospace Corporation are considered in the indirect labor totals for each location.

4.37 Comments regarding the labor force structure and qualifications in the Vandenberg AFB area are noted and have been forwarded to the appropriate office.

4.38 The assumptions regarding the distribution of the inmigrant population to the affected communities has been revised in Section 4.3 of the EIS. It is recognized that if Vandenberg AFB is selected as the relocation, that people who are relocated will choose to live throughout north Santa Barbara County. Impacts of the proposed project on regional air quality are discussed in Section 4.8.1 of the EIS.

4.39 Comments on Section 801 and 2667 military family housing programs are noted. These housing programs have been considered where appropriate in the EIS.

4.40 The impacts of the indirect land requirements for housing and other infrastructure have been considered in the evaluation of potential environmental impacts at each of the proposed relocation sites.

Issue Area 5: Land Use

5.1 The decision to close or not to close Los Angeles AFB and the later decisions to be made regarding disposal and reuse of the base property if the base is closed are not considered connected actions as that term is defined in CEQ regulations. A decision to close the base would not prejudice any of the disposal or reuse decisions to be made by the Air Force. The disposal and reuse EIS will analyze the environmental impacts of reasonable reuse alternatives as indirect effects of disposal of the property, rather than as part of the proposed action. The potential reuses of the property would be indirect effects of the later Air Force decisions on disposal and reuse. As such they are not appropriate topics for discussion in this EIS.

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5.2 Vertical construction of office space is one way to meet facility space requirements and will be considered if a decision is made to not close Los Angeles AFB.

5.3 This EIS was prepared to address the environmental impacts of the proposed closure of Los Angeles AFB and relocation of Space Systems Division. Future land uses in areas outside of Air Force control are under the authority of each communities' land use and zoning regulations and policies. Assessing the indirect impacts of changes in land uses in areas near the base at this time would be premature and speculative. If the base is closed, appropriate environmental analysis and documentation will be prepared to address the reuse and disposal of the affected Air Force property.

5.4 Information regarding proposed land uses adjacent to March AFB Site 1 is noted and has been incorporated into EIS Section 3.4.2.1 as appropriate.

5.5 Section 3.6.2.1 of the EIS has been revised accordingly to reflect additional information on the research reactors near Site 2 at Kirtland AFB. The issue regarding the exclusion area radii is discussed in Section 4.6.2.1 of the EIS.

5.6 Information regarding the proposed land use plan for areas surrounding the March AFB airfield has been incorporated into EIS Section 3.4.2.2.

5.7 Information regarding the goals of the Santa Barbara Comprehensive General Plan has been incorporated in EIS Section 3.3.2.2. where appropriate.

5.8 The preparation of the EIS involved consultation with the County of Santa Barbara Resource Management Department and the Planning Departments for the cities of Santa Maria, Lompoc, and Guadalupe. Available plans and published and unpublished data were analyzed and used in the preparation of the EIS.

5.9 Based on information provided by the various planning departments in the affected areas, the proposed project-related demands could be accommodated within areas currently proposed or planned for residential uses. The rate of growth would occur at a rate that is much faster than has been planned for, and therefore would be inconsistent with the adopted plans and policies for these areas. Local officials in Santa Maria and Lompoc have expressed a desire to work with the Air Force in accommodating such growth if Vandenberg AFB is selected as the relocation site. However, it is recognized that the existing resource constraints in this area could affect the development of new housing and other infrastructure.

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5.10 Sections 3.3.2 and 4.3.2 of the EIS have been revised to reflect additional information on the allocation of the inmigrant population to each of the affected communities. The assumption used in the EIS analyses regarding the number of people who would reside in the Lompoc area, including nearby unincorporated areas, has been increased to 20 percent of the total inmigrants living offbase. The development that is projected to occur in the City of Lompoc would use approximately 50 percent of the available vacant developable land in the city. Although more development on the remaining land could occur, it is expected that given the socioeconomic characteristics of many of the personnel who would be relocated and the type of housing stock available in Lompoc, more would prefer to live in the Santa Maria-Orcutt area.

5.11 The reuse of Los Angeles AFB property will be considered in a separate environmental document as described in the response to Issue 65.1. If the property is transferred through sale or disposal to private parties, use of the site will be up to the discretion of the local governments responsible for land use planning and approvals.

5.12 Information on land use studies being conducted for the City of Santa Maria and surrounding unincorporated areas has been incorporated into EIS Section 3.3.2.1.

5.13 Section 3.3.2.2 of the EIS has been revised accordingly.

5.14 EIS Sections 3.3.2.2 and 4.3.2.2 have been revised accordingly.

Issue Area 6: Transportation

6.1 While the convenience of air travel to and from Space Systems Division at Los Angeles AFB or at the proposed relocation bases is one of many factors which will be considered by the Air Force in a decision on the relocation of Space Systems Division, it is beyond the scope of this EIS. Comments in this area have been forwarded to the appropriate Air Force office.

6.2 Potential traffic impacts of the proposed action and alternatives at Vandenberg AFB are discussed in Section 4.3.3 of the EIS.

6.3 Comments concerning local government services are beyond the scope of the EIS except where growth or changes in these services due to the proposed closure results in impacts on the biophysical environment.

6.4 The projected annual increase in traffic volumes was based on an extrapolation of the projected year 2010 average weekday traffic estimates for the Albuquerque area provided by the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments.

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6.5 The traffic analyses for Vandenberg AFB includes the State highway facilities mentioned. Because State Route 1 is the primary highway connecting the base with Santa Maria and Lompoc, it is expected that project-related traffic will increase the average daily traffic along several segments of this road. These impacts are described in Section 4.3.3.1 of the EIS. The other roads listed will receive some project-related traffic, but such increases would not be expected to affect the level of service on these roads. Mitigation measures to reduce project-related traffic are described in EIS Section 4.7.

6.6 Section 4.6.3.1 has been revised to provide additional analysis on peak-hour traffic volumes and potential impacts of the proposed project.

6.7 The analysis of traffic impacts for Vandenberg AFB is based on existing and projected traffic volumes and roadway conditions. The use of older traffic volumes would not accurately reflect changes in traffic volumes in the Vandenberg AFB area that have occurred since the Space Shuttle program was terminated.

6.8 EIS Section 3.4.3.1 and Tables 3.4.3.1, 4.4.3-1, and 4.4.3-2 have been revised accordingly.

6.9 Information on transportation projects in western Riverside County is noted and has been incorporated into the EIS where appropriate. However, most of the projects listed would not be directly impacted by the proposed action and alternatives.

6.10 Improvements to local roads in the vicinity of the proposed project sites have been considered in the analysis of potential traffic impacts to the extent that there is a reasonably firm commitment for implementation. Potential road improvement projects for which commitment and funding is speculative at this time have not been considered in the analysis.

6.11 The potential that the relocation of SSD to March AFB may reduce the number of long-distance trips on congested freeways in the region has been considered in the analysis of transportation and air quality impacts. In the same regard, it is expected that many people currently residing in the South Bay region of Los Angeles and throughout eastern Los Angeles County and Orange County may not relocate because of the less congested conditions on the freeways with "reverse commuting." This has also been considered in the analysis of transportation and air quality impacts.

6.12 Information on proposed commuter rail systems is noted. However, given the time frame outlined for implementation of such service, it would be considered a long-term mitigation to transportation impacts of the proposed action and alternatives.

6.13 The availability of financial assistance to stimulate rideshare, vanpool, and commuter bus programs is noted. Such programs have been considered as potential mitigation measures for transportation impacts of the proposed project and alternatives. It should be noted that SSD and the Aerospace Corporation have implemented successful rideshare and vanpool programs and it is expected that these programs would continue if SSD were to be relocated to March AFB or any of the other proposed locations.

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6.14 Section 3.6.3 of the EIS has been revised accordingly. The daily traffic numbers presented in Table 3.6.3-1 were obtained from the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments during the preparation of the DEIS and are based on the 1988 Traffic Flow Map.

6.15 Table 3.6.3-1 has been revised to reflect the 1989 average weekday traffic counts.

6.16 The level of service (LOS) calculations in Table 3.6.3-1 are all-day LOS calculations. As stated they are a function of the volume-to-capacity ratios. While the type of analysis conducted for the EIS is not as detailed as would be required in an engineering analysis, the level of detail is sufficient to provide an understanding of the road segments which may be potentially impacted by the proposed project. Analysis on the basis of daily traffic volumes on individual roadway segments is a tool to identify those roadways where capacity deficiencies might occur.

6.17 A detailed analysis of peak-hour traffic conditions would not provide a greater understanding of the traffic problems which occur near the base at the peak-hours necessary for understanding the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. It is known that the major roads which provide access to Kirtland AFB, including the proposed sites, are heavily used at the peak-hours and most operate at an unacceptable level of service. The addition of over 4,000 vehicles will only exacerbate the situation.

6.18 Section 4.7 provides a listing of potential traffic mitigation measures which could be implemented to reduce traffic and air quality impacts.

6.19 Information on planned highway and road improvements in the Peterson AFB area are noted. These improvements have been considered in the analysis of traffic impacts and incorporated into Section 3.5.3.1 as appropriate.

6.20 Information on long-range planning for transportation facilities in Riverside County is noted and has been incorporated into Section 3.4.3.1 of the EIS as appropriate.

6.21 The analysis of traffic impacts of the proposed action and alternatives considered current and projected traffic volumes on the roads surrounding March AFB. Improvements to roads in the vicinity of the base were considered in the analysis of potential traffic impacts to the extent that information was available from local transportation officials and specific planning and funding mechanisms were in place.

6.22 Information on Ontario International Airport is provided in Section 3.4.3.2 of the EIS.

6.23 The annual increase in traffic volumes was estimated based on discussions with local transportation officials and projected growth in the North County area.

6.24 The projected conditions in Table 3.3.3-1 are for the initial steady-state year 1997. These projected baseline conditions would be expected to change each year as additional growth in the region occurs unless the transportation infrastructure is expanded to accommodate increased traffic volumes.

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6.25 Because the closure of Los Angeles AFB would result in a reduction of vehicular traffic in the vicinity of the base, a detailed analysis of the change in traffic conditions including A.M. and P.M. peak-hour traffic was not conducted. The change in traffic conditions resulting from a reduction in vehicular traffic will not result in a noticeable change during the peak hours given the volume of traffic on the major roads near the base.

6.26 Additional information on the Albuquerque International Airport is noted and has been incorporated into Section 3.6.3.2 of the EIS as appropriate.

6.27 Section 3.3.3-1 of the EIS has been revised accordingly.

6.28 With Alternative 5, an increase in the number of trips between March AFB and the Aerospace Corporation facilities in El Segundo would occur, but it is expected that most of these trips would occur during the non-peak hours or in the direction which is opposite the primary flow of traffic. In addition, the number of trips that would occur in any one day would not be noticeable given the current volumes of traffic on the affected roads in Southern California.

6.29 While the closure of the facilities at Los Angeles AFB may require some users to travel to other facilities in the Southern California region, including the U.S. Navy facilities in Long Beach, the additional traffic generated by such travel is not expected to result in significant environmental impacts. Many people who currently use the facilities at Los Angeles have to travel some distance to the base.

6.30 The Air Force is in the process of initiating the Environmental Impact Analysis Process to consider these proposals, including the preparation of appropriate environmental documentation. However, Air Force commitment at this time has not been made to either proposal. A final Air Force decision will not be made until after the EIS process is completed. Both the City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County have agreed to the EIS process.

Issue Area 7: Utilities

7.1 Information on potential alternative water sources for Falcon AFB is noted and has been forward to the appropriate Air Force office.

7.2 As stated in Section 3.4.4.1, the infrastructure required to treat and distribute water would need to be expanded. However, the expansion of such facilities would not have an adverse impact on the specific water resources from which the water used in the March AFB area is obtained.

7.3 The impact of decreased demand is small, but beneficial.

7.4 Additional information on the water supply and wastewater systems in Albuquerque is noted and Sections 3.6.4.1 and 3.6.4.2 of the EIS have been revised where appropriate.

7.5 Additional information on the energy utilities in Albuquerque is noted and Section 3.6.4.4 of the EIS have been revised where appropriate.

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7.6 The Air Force is taking steps to correct the current deficiencies and increase the capacity of the present wastewater system. The action being taken is not related to the proposed relocation of SSD.

7.7 Comment noted.

7.8 Information on the availability of an alternative wastewater treatment facility near Falcon AFB is noted and has been forwarded to the appropriate Air Force office.

7.9 Section 3.5.4.1 of the EIS has been revised accordingly.

7.10 Information on the proposed expansion of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) treatment facility is noted. However, the statement in the DEIS was referring to the needed expansion of Eastern Municipal Water District's connection with MWD rather than the capacity of MWD's treatment facility. Section 4.4.4.1 of the EIS has been revised to clarify this issue.

7.11 Section 4.4.4.1 has been revised accordingly. Information on the sewage treatment plant's capacity used in the DEIS was provided by March AFB, but has subsequently been corrected by the base.

7.12 The EIS does conclude that some public service delivery systems may need to be expanded to accommodate the projected inmigration for the proposed action and alternatives. However, the need to expand most of these facilities will also result from projected growth in these areas, although the proposed project could reduce the time frame under which such improvements would be required. The Air Force recognizes the various permitting requirements which are necessary for such facilities, and is committed to facilitating close coordination and cooperation between all levels of government to ensure that the necessary improvements are accommodated in a timely manner.

7.13 Section 3.5.4.1 of the EIS has been revised accordingly.

7.14 Information on water deliveries to Falcon AFB by Cherokee Water District are noted and have been incorporated into the EIS where appropriate.

7.15 The projected increases in water demand were based on projected population increases for each community. Population projections were based on California Department of Finance projections for the year 2000 that were extrapolated back to the years included in the analysis.

7.16 Existing and projected water demands for Vandenberg AFB in Section 3.3.4.1 were based on the existing base population without the proposed project. Increased utility demands of the proposed project are presented in Section 4.3.4. At this time, no other missions have been identified which would increase the present population of the base.

7.17 Population increases for the cities of Lompoc and Santa Maria were based on population projections of the California Department of Finance.

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7.18 Vandenberg AFB has implemented a base-wide recycling program to reduce the generation of solid waste on the base. This program has been implemented to extend the lifespan of the base landfill and to comply with the provisions of the California Integrated Waste Management Act (Assembly Bill 939).

7.19 Information on system capacity and projected demand was obtained from the individual utility companies potentially affected by the proposed project.

7.20 As stated in Section 3.3.4.4 of the EIS, the Southern California Gas Company expects sales to increase by less than five percent per year.

7.21 Information on groundwater quality in the City of Lompoc's domestic well field is noted and has been incorporated into Section 3.3.4.1 of the EIS as appropriate.

7.22 Table 3.3.4-1 has been revised accordingly.

7.23 Information on the Lompoc Wastewater Treatment Plant is noted. Section 3.4.3.2 of the EIS has been revised as appropriate.

7.24 Section 3.4.3.4 has been revised accordingly.

7.25 EIS Section 4.3.4.1 has been revised.

7.26 Kirtland AFB obtains a majority of its water supply from groundwater sources. At present, the base is only withdrawing 70 percent of their contractual allocation and could increase their withdrawals if there was a requirement to do so. The base purchases water from the City of Albuquerque only to meet peak demands. The City of Albuquerque has sufficient acquired water rights to meet projected demands into the next century.

7.27 Information on the City of Albuquerque's solid waste management efforts are noted and have been incorporated into Section 3.6.4.3 of the EIS as appropriate.

Issue Area 8: Hazardous Materials/Hazardous Waste Management

8.1 The Installation Restoration Program (IRP) is separate from the base closure program environmental process. The Air Force is committed to cleaning up hazardous waste sites resulting from past practices, and the IRP will continue regardless of whether the decision is made to proceed with the proposal to close Los Angeles AFB. Exploratory drilling and sampling will be accomplished as necessary within the IRP.

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8.2 As described in Section 4.5.4.3 of the EIS, the proposed action will result in an increase in the generation of solid waste in the Colorado Springs. The City's current collection and disposal system would be capable of meeting the increased generation. In addition, the relocation of SSD and the Aerospace Corporation will result in the increased generation of hazardous wastes at the selected receiving location. Hazardous waste generated by the daily operations of SSD and the Aerospace Corporation will be disposed of in accordance with applicable federal and state regulations. Much of the hazardous waste generated by the Aerospace Corporation at its facilities in California is transported to licensed treatment and disposal facilities in other states. It is expected that because of the types of hazardous wastes generated that this practice would be continued if there are not licensed facilities in the vicinity of the selected relocation installation.

8.3 Information on the Defense Reutlilization and Marketing Office facility at Kirtland AFB is noted. However, the issue is an operational consideration and not within the scope of this EIS. The comment has been forwarded to the appropriate Air Force office.

8.4 Concurrence with the Air Force's commitment to hazardous waste cleanups and investigations is noted. As stated, the Installation Restoration Program is separate from the base closure program environmental process.

8.5 Issues regarding previous handling of hazardous wastes at Department of Defense installations not considered as part of the proposed project are beyond the scope of this EIS.

8.6 Hazardous wastes are generated at Los Angeles and the Aerospace Corporation during the course of daily operations including the research and development activities that are a major component of the SSD mission. These hazardous waste are handled, stored, and disposed of in accordance with California and federal regulations. The Installation Restoration Program is an ongoing program at Los Angeles AFB tc clean up spills and leaks that occurred in the past prior to the implementation of the more stringent and comprehensive hazardous materials/waste regulations that are in-place today.

Issue Area 9: Geology and Soils

9.1 The development of lands in the support communities near the base is guided and controlled by the local land use and zoning regulations and policies that have been adopted by each jurisdiction. Decisions on specific areas such as prime agricultural lands will be made by the local jurisdictions and are beyond the control of the Air Force.

9.2 The Big Pine Fault is located within the region, but the proximity of the discussed fault systems to the proposed project site is more critical to the discussion of potential geologic hazards.

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Issue Area 10: Water Resources

10.1 The discussion of groundwater resources and potential impacts at Vandenberg AFB in Sections 3.3.7.1 and 4.3.7.1 of the EIS has been revised to reflect additional and more recent information on the overdrafting situation.

10.2 Completion of the Coastal Branch of the State Water Project is beyond the control of the Air Force. If constructed, it will represent a regional effort to alleviate a water crisis that has been ongoing in the region for many years.

10.3 The evaluation of water resources described in Section 3.3.7.1 of the EIS concludes that all groundwater basins in the Vandenberg AFB region have been in the past and are now in an overdrafted condition.

10.4 A discussion of the groundwater resources and the potential impacts of the proposed project at Falcon AFB is presented in Sections 3.5.7.1 and 4.5.7.1 of the EIS. Potential mitigation measures for impacts to groundwater resources are listed in Section 4.7.

10.5 Comment noted. This issue of entitlements to water from the California State Water Project is under the jurisdiction of the California Water Resources Board and is beyond the scope of this EIS.

10.6 Comment noted. Section 4.7 of the EIS describes mitigation measures that could be implemented to reduce the potentially significant impacts on water resources at Vandenberg AFB.

10.7 Comment noted. The Air Force will explore alternative water sources if Falcon AFB is selected as a relocation site.

10.8 The issue of costs for the acquisition of alternate sources of water for Vandenberg AFB is beyond the scope of this EIS.

10.9 A revised discussion of potential mitigation measures to reduce the potential significant impacts on water resources at Vandenberg AFB is provided in Section 4.7 of the EIS.

10.10 Concurrence with the conclusions regarding the water situation at Falcon AFB are noted. Falcon AFB is investigating other sources from which to obtain water for the base. This effort is unrelated to proposed relocation of SSD.

10.11 Potential measures to mitigate potential impacts to water resources are described in Section 4.7 of the EIS.

10.12 The closure of Los Angeles AFB wold not have an impact on groundwater resources. Groundwater directly beneath the base is not used for potable water. The potential contamination of groundwater resulting from hazardous waste sites at the base is being investigated as part of the Installation Restoration Program (IRP) described in Section 3.1.5.3. IRP activities at Los Angeles AFB will continue regardless of whether the decision is made to proceed with the proposal to close Los Angeles AFB.

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10.13 As stated in Section 3.2.7.1, a discussion of the extent of the potential groundwater contamination beneath Norton AFB is provided in the *Final EIS for the Closure (Withdrawal of Units) at Norton AFB* (October 1990). The proposed closure of the Ballistic Missile Organization facilities at Norton AFB will not have an impact on groundwater resources beneath the base. IRP activities at Norton AFB will continue after the closure of the base and regardless of whether the decision is made to proceed with the proposal to close the BMO facilities as considered in this EIS.

10.14 The relocation of SSD to Kirtland AFB as described in the proposed action and alternatives will result in an increase in the volume of hazardous materials used and stored at the base. The increased potential for spills is hypothesized from this increased inventory and handling of hazardous materials. Hazardous materials and wastes will be used, stored, and disposed of in compliance with applicable federal and state regulations. Spills or releases that occurred at Los Angeles AFB and Norton AFB that are being investigated under the Installation Restoration Program were for the most part a result of practices that were accepted at the time, but are not used now. These past experiences are therefore not relevant to the analysis of the current situation.

10.15 Mitigation measures to prevent or reduce contamination of surface water near Kirtland AFB are noted. Section 4.7 of the EIS describes mitigations to reduce or prevent potential impacts to soil and water resources.

10.16 The Air Force is committed to compliance with all federal and state regulations regarding water quality.

10.17 Section 4.5.7.1 has been revised accordingly to reflect this corrected information.

10.18 Table 3.5.7-1 has been revised accordingly.

10.19 Information on the Black Squirrel Creek Basin is noted and has been incorporated into the EIS where appropriate.

10.20 The Santa Ynez River recharges groundwater basins contained within the Santa Ynez aquifer from Solvang to Bradbury dam.

10.21 Comment noted.

10.22 Section 3.3.7.2 of the EIS has been revised accordingly.

10.23 EIS Section 4.3.7.1 has been revised.

10.24 The proposed mitigation measure is noted and will be considered if a decision is made to relocate SSD to Vandenberg AFB.

10.25 Table 3.3.7-1 has been revised.

10.26 Information on the water resources situation and potential impacts at Vandenberg AFB is noted and has been incorporated into the EIS where appropriate.

10.27 Potential mitigation measures for water quality impacts at Vandenberg AFB are listed in Section 4.7 of the EIS.

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10.28 While Vandenberg AFB does have an entitlement for State Water that would be available if the Coastal Aqueduct is built, that water is not considered to be a mitigation for the impact to water resources that would result from the proposed action or alternatives.

10.29 Water that is currently used at Los Angeles AFB and the Aerospace Corporation is purchased from local water purveyors. The Air Force and Aerospace Corporation do not have any entitlements to that water.

10.30 Comment that the Coastal Aqueduct project will not require voter approval from the residents of the City of Santa Maria is noted.

Issue Area 11: Air Quality

11.1 Section 4.4.8 of the EIS has been revised to reflect additional analysis of the potential air quality impacts associated with the proposed action and alternatives at March AFB.

11.2 This has been considered in the analysis of mobile source emissions to the extent that it can be determined at this time.

11.3 The analysis of air quality impacts at Vandenberg AFB considered the most recent air quality data for the region. This data reflects changes that have taken place in terms of population growth in the region over the last five years. Use of older data would not accurately reflect such changes.

11.4 Section 4.4.8 of the EIS has been revised to include additional analysis of mobile source emissions for the proposed project. While the proposed project may result in a net improvement in the overall air quality in the South Coast Air Basin, emissions of primary pollutants will increase in the March AFB/Riverside area resulting in further deterioration of air quality for residents in the Riverside County portion of the basin. In addition, increases in emissions of primary pollutants in the eastern portion of the basin will increase the amount of primary and secondary air pollutants transferred to the Southeast Desert Air Basin which is classified as a nonattainment area for ozone.

11.5 Section 3.4.8.3 of the EIS has been revised to reflect the status of March AFB air permits.

11.6 These emissions have been included the analysis of mobile source emissions for March AFB that is discussed in Section 4.4.8.2 of the EIS.

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11.7 The reduction in emissions from Los Angeles AFB and the Aerospace Corporation would not result in a significant adverse environmental impact. The reduction in emissions represents far less than one percent of the total emissions in the South Coast Air Basin. Therefore, the closure of Los Angeles AFB would nonetheless reduce total emissions in the region by a negligible amount. Impacts are considered significant at all of the receiving locations because of the relocation of over 25,000 people into each of these areas will make attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards more difficult and potentially delay achievement of attainment status unless other measures are taken to reduce baseline emissions.

11.8 The "Regulatory Setting" discussion in Chapter 3 for each location considered in the EIS lists the pollutants for which each location is nonattainment. Section 3.1.8.1 for Los Angeles AFB lists the pollutants for which the South Coast Air Basin is nonattainment for.

11.9 Section 3.6.8 of the EIS have been revised to reflect this updated information where appropriate.

11.10 Section 4.6.8.1 has been revised to provide more information on the assumptions used in the modeling of maximum concentrations of carbon monoxide emissions that could result from the proposed project.

11.11 The conclusions in Section 4.3.8.1 regarding short-term construction-related air quality impacts at Vandenberg AFB have been revised. Mitigations for these short-term impacts are described in Section 4.7 of the EIS.

11.12 Section 4.3.8.1 has been revised to provide further discussion of the potential air quality impacts from direct and indirect project-related sources. Potential air quality mitigations to reduce mobile source emissions from the proposed action and alternatives have been revised and are discussed in Section 4.7 of the EIS.

11.13 The conclusion that air quality impacts for relocation of SSD to Peterson AFB would be significant was not based on the analysis of the potential to exceed the 1-hour carbon monoxide (CO) National Ambient Air Quality Standard. Because El Paso County is classified as a nonattainment area for CO based on the 8-hour standard, and is very close to achieving attainment status, the inmigration of over 25,000 people to the Colorado Springs area could delay the attainment of the CO standard. If attainment status is achieved before the proposed relocation occurs, the relocation of SSD could make it more difficult to maintain attainment status without adopting more stringent emission control strategies than have been adopted as part of the State Implementation Plan.

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11.14 It is recognized, as discussed in Section 3.5.8.1 of the EIS, that violations of the 8-hour CO standard in El Paso County occur in the Interstate 25 corridor near downtown Colorado Springs. It is agreed that the projected increase in traffic near the Marksheffel Road Colorado 94 intersection would not result in an exceedance of the 8-hour standard, but the increased traffic, given worst-case meteorological conditions, could result in an exceedance of the 1-hour standard. The addition of over 25,000 additional people to the population of Colorado Springs will also result in an increase in the total amount of miles driven in the region, some of which will occur in the areas where violations of the standards have been recorded.

11.15 Responses to comments provided by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (Document 245) are provided in Issue Codes 11.34 to 11.41.

11.16 Section 4.3.8 of the EIS has been revised to reflect additional analysis of air quality impacts at Vandenberg AFB.

11.17 Mitigation measures suggested by the Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Air Pollution Control Districts to reduce construction and mobile source emissions have been incorporated in Section 4.7 where appropriate.

11.18 The significance of air quality impacts is determined based on the potential for the project to result in exceedances of federal and state ambient air quality standards. In areas where nonattainment status for specific pollutants exist, any emission increases which could delay attainment of the standards are considered significant. In the case of Santa Barbara County, the emission thresholds that have been established were considered in the analysis of significance.

11.19 The discussion of air quality impacts for the alternative actions in Section 4.3.8.2 of the EIS has been revised to provide a more detailed analysis of the potential impacts.

11.20 Comment noted. The development of an attainment plan for the North County area as required by the California Clean Act will require consideration of the proposed relocation of SSD if Vandenberg AFB is selected as the relocation installation. The Air Force recognizes that the magnitude and timeframe of the proposed project may affect the planning processes of the local jurisdictions. The Record of Decision for the proposed project is expected to be filed in early 1991 which will provide time for the District to consider the project in its attainment planning efforts.

11.21 Section 3.3.8.1 has been revised to reflect the nonattainment status of the North County area for the California PM_{10} standard. The conclusions in Section 4.3.8.1 regarding short-term construction-related air quality impacts at Vandenberg AFB have been revised. Mitigations for these short-term impacts are described in Section 4.7 of the EIS.

11.22 Section 3.3.8.1 of the EIS has been revised accordingly.

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11.23 It is recognized that there are additional monitoring stations in the North County area, including a network of Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) stations. The intent of Table 3.3.8-1 is to provide a representation of the ambient air quality near the proposed sites at Vandenberg AFB and the cities of Santa Maria and Lompoc, not an exhaustive summary of all ambient air quality data for the region.

11.24 The information presented in Table 3.3.8-2 was provided by the Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control District to the Air Force contractor in correspondence during the preparation of the DEIS and is referenced in Section 7.4 of the EIS. The data in Table 3.3.8-3 was also provided in that same correspondence. A reference for this information has been added to the table and Section 7.4.

11.25 The information in Table 3.3.8-4 was obtained from the Vandenberg AFB Emissions Inventory prepared by the Bioenvironmental Engineering office at the base. A reference has been added to the Table 3.3.8-4 and is included in Section 7.4 of the EIS.

11.26 The emission factors used for each piece of equipment have been added to the Table 4.3.8-1. The total hydrocarbon emission factor from AP-42 was used in the calculation of construction-related emissions.

11.27 The discussion of construction impacts in Section 4.3.8.1 of the EIS has been revised as appropriate. Proposed mitigation measures to reduce construction-related emissions are discussed in Section 4.7 of the EIS.

11.28 The discussion of construction-related impacts of the proposed project at Vandenberg AFB in Section 4.3.8.1 has been revised.

11.29 Section 4.3.8 has been revised based on additional analysis of potential air quality impacts that may result from the proposed project.

11.30 The baseline carbon monoxide concentration used in the modeling of the intersection was assumed to include the existing intersection traffic. A higher baseline value than what would normally be expected to occur at an intersection of this type was used.

11.31 Section 4.3.8 has been revised. It is recognized that additional vehicle emissions could delay attainment of the state ambient air quality standard for ozone.

11.32 Because the actual design of facilities has not been completed, a detailed estimate of stationary source emissions cannot be determined at this time. However, the facilities which would be constructed at the receiving installations if a decision to close Los Angeles AFB is made would be similar to those that are currently in El Segundo. Therefore, current stationary source emissions for the base and Aerospace Corporation were used in the analysis of air quality impacts. It is anticipated that the construction of new facilities at any of the receiving installations would result in lower stationary source emissions because of consolidation of facilities (e.g., reduction the number of boilers required) and the use of current and less polluting technologies.

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11.33 The ambient air quality monitoring data presented in Table 3.3.8-1 for Santa Barbara County was included to demonstrate the severity of the air pollution in the county as a whole. The ambient air quality measurements listed under the Santa Barbara County are from monitoring stations in Goleta and Santa Barbara. However, while the number of exceedances in Santa Maria and Lompoc is less than for the South County area, measurements taken at stations in the North County area have exceeded the federal and/or state standards for ozone and PM_{10}, and are therefore classified as nonattainment areas under the federal Clean Air Act or the California Clean Air Act.

11.34 A more detailed air quality analysis of potential impacts is provided in Sections 4.1.8, 4.2.8, and 4.4.8 of the EIS.

11.35 A revised analysis of short-term air quality impacts is provided in Section 4.4.8. Mitigation measures suggested by the South Coast Air Quality Management District have been incorporated into Section 4.7 of the EIS as appropriate.

11.36 The conclusions in Section 4.4.8.1 regarding short-term construction-related air quality impacts at March AFB have been revised. Mitigations for these short-term impacts are described in Section 4.7 of the EIS.

11.37 As described in Sections 3.4.8.3 and 4.4.8.1, it is recognized that all new or modified stationary sources will be required to comply with the District's New Source Review Regulation.

11.38 The conclusion that air quality impacts for relocation of SSD to March AFB would be significant was not based strictly on the analysis of the potential to exceed the 1-hour carbon monoxide (CO) National Ambient Air Quality Standard. The conclusions regarding the significance of the air quality impacts at March AFB have been revised in Section 4.4.8.1.

11.39 Mitigation measures to reduce air quality impacts from transportation sources have been incorporated into Section 4.7 or the EIS. It should be pointed out that both Los Angeles AFB and Aerospace Corporation both have implemented successful rideshare and vanpool programs.

11.40 Section 4.4.8.1 of the EIS has been revised to include an analysis of the proposed project's potential to improve the jobs/housing balance in the March AFB subregion.

11.41 Comments noted. Mitigation measures for which will be implemented by the Air Force will be documented in the Record of Decision.

11.42 Comments on mitigation measures to minimize traffic congestion are noted. Mitigation measures for which the Air Force will implement to will be documented in the Record of Decision.

11.43 The Air Force will ensure that the proposed project conforms with the applicable federal and/or state implementation plans.

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11.44 It is recognized that there are industrial developments in San Bernardino County that result in emissions of oxides of nitrogen (NO_x). However, the statement in Section 3.2.8.3 regarding NO_x emission sources was made in comparison with Los Angeles and Orange counties. These counties have far more major sources of NO_x emissions, such as power generation facilities and refineries, than San Bernardino County.

11.45 The statement in Section 4.2.8.1 of the EIS was not intended to imply that there would be a major improvement in air quality if the Ballistic Missile Organization personnel were relocated. As is stated in the previous sentence in the text, the emission reductions would not result in a noticeable change in air quality. While some personnel who decide not to relocate may take jobs that require further commuting distances, most of the 2,500 personnel are expected to relocate. The mobile source emissions associated with these individuals would therefore be eliminated from the air basin entirely and more than offset any increases that result from individuals who do not relocate. However, Section 4.2.8.1 has been revised to reflect the fact that with a relocation to March AFB, the additional commuting distance for personnel who do not relocate from the San Bernardino area, would result in an increase in mobile source emissions in the San Bernardino-Riverside area.

11.46 Sections 3.3.8.1 and 4.3.8.1 have been revised to include a discussion of potential air quality impacts in San Luis Obispo County.

Issue Area 12: Noise

12.1 Potential noise impacts at Peterson AFB that may result from the proposed action and alternatives are described in Section 4.5.9 of the EIS. While the proposed action and alternatives will result in some increased noise from traffic in the vicinity of the base, the increase in noise levels will not be significant. The relocation of SSD will result in additional passenger traffic at the Colorado Springs Municipal Airport, but the increase in passenger traffic is within that projected for the airport. Noise impacts from increased flying activity at the airport were considered in the environmental documents prepared for the expansion of the airport.

Issue Area 13: Biological Resources

13.1 Impacts to groundwater resources and threatened and endangered species are addressed in sections 4.3.7.1 and 4.3.10.1 of the EIS. Formal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding impacts to threatened and endangered species is ongoing.

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13.2 The Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for Riverside County is part of a permit to take which was approved by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for Riverside County and the applicant cities. Trapping/relocation studies are also being conducted to augment the HCP. The permit to take was granted under Section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA). As a federal agency, the U. S. Air Force is required to consult with the USFWS according to the guidelines in Section 7 of the ESA. This consultation is ongoing. While land for mitigating the impacts of the project on Stephens' kangaroo rat may be located within or adjacent to preserves established by the County's HCP, the details of a mitigation plan for the relocation of SSD to March AFB are still being negotiated.

13.3 The presence of Stephens' kangaroo rat on the proposed sites is correctly stated in the EIS. The species occurs, in at least trace abundance, at Site 1, Site 2, and the proposed housing area.

13.4 Housing Area 1, which is a 155-acre site comprised of Burton Mesa chaparral and a number of riparian areas, has been dropped from consideration for this project.

13.5 Comment noted.

13.6 Wetlands in the area have been delineated and the site boundaries have been changed to avoid them.

13.7 Air Force projections indicate that the overwhelming majority of offsite housing and construction supporting the relocation of SSD will occur within the urban areas of Colorado Springs. Therefore, significant impacts to the pronghorn and other sensitive species are not expected. Specific impacts of residential, commercial, industrial, and public development ancillary to the relocation of SSD will be evaluated through local planning and approval processes.

13.8 Threatened, endangered, and candidate species which may be affected by the project and the potential impacts of the project on these species are described in sections 3.3.10.3 and 4.3.10.1 of the EIS.

13.9 Most of the sites proposed for the relocation of SSD to Vandenberg AFB are highly disturbed areas containing mostly non-native plant species. While these areas do provide habitat for a number wildlife species common to the region, sufficient alternative habitat exists in the vicinity to prevent the project from having a significant impact on the region's wildlife as a whole. The most sensitive areas within the project sites as identified in the DEIS are the rare Burton Mesa chaparral plant community and wetlands which both occur on proposed housing area 1. This site has been dropped from further consideration for the siting of facilities or housing to support the proposed relocation of SSD.

13.10 Current data indicate that the only base flow in the Santa Ynez River downstream from Lake Cachuma results from area runoff and releases from Bradbury Dam (Stetson Engineers 1990; Ahlroth pers. comm. 1990). Therefore, the proposed project is not expected to have an effect on the river or sensitive species associated with it.

13.11 Section 3.3.10.3 of the EIS has been revised accordingly.

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13.12 Section 3.3.10.3 of the EIS has been revised accordingly. Potential impacts of the proposed project on the unarmored threespine stickleback are discussed in Section 4.3.10.1 of the EIS.

13.13 Operational requirements may result in slight impacts to some sensitive areas. Consultation with appropriate agencies is ongoing to ensure that impacts to sensitive areas are avoided to the maximum extent possible.

13.14 Section 4.7.2 of the EIS has been revised to include possible soil stabilization measures that could be implemented to reduce soil erosion. The specific measures that would be used will depend on the actual location and site conditions.

13.15 Section 4.7.2 of the EIS has been revised to include potential measures that could be used to control noxious weeds.

13.16 Housing Area 1, which is comprised of approximately 155 acres of relatively undisturbed Burton Mesa chaparral, has been dropped from consideration for siting of facilities or housing to support the proposed relocation of SSD. While the Burton Mesa chaparral at Housing Area 2D is highly degraded relative to that at housing area 1, efforts will be made to avoid or mitigate impacts to this rare plant community to the maximum extent possible.

13.17 Housing area 1, which does contain wetland areas, has been dropped from consideration for siting of facilities or housing to support the proposed relocation of SSD. The Air Force is committed to avoiding impacts to wetlands in the proposed relocation of SSD.

13.18 The Air Force is committed to avoiding impacts to threatened and endangered species or mitigating any unavoidable impacts. Formal consultation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the impacts of this project on threatened and endangered species is ongoing. All requirements of the Endangered Species Act will be met.

Issue Area 14: Cultural and Paleontological Resources

14.1 Sections 3.6.11, 4.6.11, and 7.7 of the EIS have been revised accordingly.

14.2 Because of the extremely low probability of encountering buried cultural resources in Pleistocene alluvium, cultural resources monitoring of construction activities was not recommended in the survey report (*An Archaeological Survey of Proposed Kirtland Air Force Base Program Areas, Bernalillo County, New Mexico*) submitted to the New Mexico State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). However, if during construction buried cultural resources are encountered, construction activities will be stopped and the SHPO notified. All cultural resources will be protected in place until they can be evaluated and treated in accordance with the provisions of 36 CFR Part 800.11.

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Issue Area 15: General Comments

15.1 The assumption that 80 percent of the personnel currently at Los Angeles AFB and the Aerospace Corporation would move was used for the purpose of analysis in evaluating the potential impacts of the proposed action and alternatives. It was assumed that at a maximum, only 80 percent of the personnel would relocate. The Air Force recognizes that the actual number of personnel that may choose to relocate may be less than 80 percent, and therefore the potential beneficial and adverse environmental impacts would be smaller in magnitude.

15.2 Comments in support of not closing Los Angeles AFB are noted. Information provided on potential socioeconomic effects, affordable housing availability, quality of life, and proximity of aerospace contractors has been included in the EIS where appropriate and forwarded to the appropriate decision-makers as part of the official record.

15.3 Comment noted. It is expected that if Vandenberg AFB is selected as the relocation site that the inmigrant population will relocate throughout the North County area. Based on information received during the public comment period and discussions with local officials and agency personnel, it has been assumed for the purpose of analysis that approximately 20 percent of the inmigrant population living offbase will reside in the Lompoc area including Vandenberg Village and Missions Hills, 70 percent in the Santa Maria-Orcutt area, and 10 percent in other unincorporated and incorporated areas of north Santa Barbara and south San Luis Obispo counties.

15.4 Comment noted.

15.5 Comments in support of not relocating the Ballistic Missile Organization are noted. Information provided on potential socioeconomic effects, quality of life, and affordable housing availability have been incorporated into the EIS to the extent to which they are within the scope of the document and have been forwarded to the appropriate decision-makers as part of the official record.

15.6 The background history discussion provided in Section 3.2 was intended to provide a brief overview of the Ballistic Missile Organization in the context of evaluating the present operations in San Bernardino and the potential environmental impacts of the proposed closure and relocation. The discussion was not intended to provide a detailed history of the organization and its mission.

15.7 Comments not in support of the proposed action and/or alternatives for the relocation of SSD to one of the four locations are noted. Information on potential environmental impacts and other concerns have been incorporated into the EIS where appropriate and forwarded to the decision-makers as part of the official record.

15.8 Comments in support of closing Los Angeles AFB and relocating SSD are noted. Information on potential beneficial environmental and socioeconomic effects have been incorporated into the EIS where appropriate and forwarded to the decision-makers as part of the official record.

15.9 Comment noted. The EIS has been revised accordingly.

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15.10 Comments in support of the proposed action and/or alternative actions for the relocation of SSD to one of the four locations are noted. Information provided on socioeconomic, quality of life, and natural/physical attributes of the communities in each region has been incorporated into the EIS where appropriate and forwarded to the decision-makers as part of the official record.

15.11 Publications submitted at the public hearings or as attachments to written comments have been included as part of the record. Information contained in these publications has been incorporated into the EIS where appropriate.

15.12 Figure 2.6.1-1 provides a summary of the potential impacts that may result from the proposed action and alternatives. Some assumed mitigation measure that are within the control of the Air Force were considered in the analysis of impacts (e.g., standard construction practices). In addition, other mitigation measures to reduce potential impacts and protect or restore environmental resources disturbed by project activities are described in EIS Section 4.7. Decisions on which mitigation measures will be implemented by the Air Force will be made after the EIS is filed and will be documented in the Record of Decision.

15.13 The purpose of the EIS is not to compare the relative merits of the proposed relocation sites, but to evaluate the potential environmental impacts that may result from implementation of the proposed action or alternatives. The specific factors mentioned have all been considered to the extent to which they are relevant to the evaluation of the potential environmental impacts.

15.14 The indirect environmental impacts that may result from implementation of the proposed action or alternatives have been considered to the extent that they can be reasonably identified and evaluated. The potential indirect impacts that may occur are discussed in Chapter 4 of the EIS for each respective location.

15.15 It is the Air Force's intention to use consistent and objective wording in describing the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action and alternatives. The specific examples noted have been reviewed and changes to the wording have been made where appropriate. However, the purpose of the EIS is to evaluate the potential environmental impacts and not compare the relative merits of the specific communities.

15.16 Comment regarding information available from the Albuquerque Public Schools is noted. The Air Force has contacted Albuquerque Public Schools during the preparation of the Supplemental Economic Study for Kirtland AFB.

15.17 Appendix C of the EIS has been revised accordingly.

15.18 Information on the Rio Grande Research Corridor is noted for the record. However, the requested evaluation of the university/research support facilities is beyond the scope of the EIS.

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15.19 The Air Force has made every attempt to use consistent and objective wording in describing the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action and alternatives. With regard to the specific example cited, this information was provided in Section 1.2.1, Summary of Scoping Issues, and reflects actual verbal comments provided to the Air Force as part of the scoping process.

15.20 Comment in support of keeping SSD in California is noted. Information provided on potential socioeconomic effects, quality of life, and proximity of aerospace contractors has been included in the EIS where appropriate and forwarded to the appropriate decision-makers as part of the official record.

15.21 Comments provided at public hearings on socioeconomic, quality of life, and natural/physical attributes of the communities in each region are noted and have been incorporated into the EIS where appropriate and forwarded to the decision-makers as part of the official record.

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APPENDIX F.4 ISSUE TOPICS

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The following provides a listing of all issues identified in the public comments.

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	Issue Area 1: Air Force Policy
1.1	The costs of moving Los Angeles AFB would far outweigh the savings/benefits
1.2	Introducing new significant impacts into the proposed relocation communities is unnecessary
1.3	Consider the loss of expertise, corporate knowledge, and heritage of the base
1.4	Consider the recommendations of the 1988 Commission of Base Realignments and Closure to keep BMO at Norton AFB
1.5	Disposition of tenant units at Los Angeles AFB
1.6	Consider costs of moving in relation to operational efficiency
1.7	Consider effects of massive relocation on local housing costs and availability
1.8	Enlargement of Vandenberg AFB would place a large-scale burden on local taxpayers
1.9	Consider Lawndale Annex as a California Army National Guard armory site
1.10	Consider delineating the caretaker maintenance functions that would be continued pending final disposition of Los Angeles AFB
1.11	Consider including an estimated schedule for closure, hazardous waste cleanup, and property transfer in the FEIS
1.12	Selling the property at Los Angeles AFB to the private sector would mitigate some economic impacts
1.13	Excessing the property at Los Angeles AFB will not generate any revenue for the Air Force
1.14	Department of Defense is not funding the necessary improvements for relocation
1.15	Without special legislation the No Action alternative is automatic
1.16	Availability of Local Economic Consequences Studies and other related studies
1.17	Relocation costs of contractors will be billed back to the government
	Issue Area 2: Environmental Impact Analysis Process
2.1	The DEIS process and information fragmentation tends to downplay the cumulative impacts that will occur
2.2	Consider scoping meeting input from Santa Barbara County
2.3	A coastal zone consistency determination would be required by the California Coastal Commission for relocation of units to Vandenberg AFB
2.4	Mitigation for coastal zone impacts is not adequately addressed the DEIS
2.5	Send EISs prepared for relocation of Los Angeles AFB to SCAG for review and comment
2.6	City of Riverside requests review of further environmental analysis if March AFB is selected as receiving unit for the Space Systems Division
2.7	Consider listing and describing existing and pending permits and their post-closure status in the FEIS
2.8	Coastal Aqueduct EIS incorporation by reference
2.9	Cumulative impact of one type of opportunity in Colorado Springs

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Issue Area 3: Project Description/Siting

3.1 Revisions to Section 2.4.3.1 regarding private lands in Banning-Lewis Ranch
3.2 Revisions to Section 2.4.3.2 regarding description of highest site elevation
3.3 Construction of Military Family Housing at Peterson AFB and noise impacts
3.4 FAA considerations of compatible land uses in noise zones
3.5 Structures at proposed sites should be designed to prevent obstructions and visual and electronic interference
3.6 Consider additional points of access near March AFB Site 1
3.7 Discrepancy between Air Force statement on relocation of BMO personnel and pamphlet issued at March AFB public hearing
3.8 Facility requirements should not include laboratory space
3.9 Consider use of existing offsite facilities for SSD and Aerospace operations
3.10 FEIS should address availability of Kirtland East Hospital facilities
3.11 Objection to DEIS rationale for Alternative 4
3.12 Describe rationale or method used in determining acreage requirements for each alternative
3.13 Government property disposition related to closure of Los Angeles AFB
3.14 Request for clarification of facility space requirements criteria
3.15 Cumulative impacts of relocation of Norton AFB units to March AFB are not adequately addressed in the DEIS
3.16 Cumulative impacts on support facilities are not adequately addressed in the DEIS
3.17 Impacts from the increased handling and storage of hazardous materials involved in the relocation of DRMO from Norton AFB to March AFB were not adequately addressed
3.18 The need for military family housing at Peterson and Falcon AFBs is not adequately addressed
3.19 Consider effects of stringent environmental regulations on cost of operation in California
3.20 Reuse of shorefront property at Fort MacArthur, Pacific Crest, and Pacific Heights housing facilities
3.21 Sale of shorefront property will require Coastal Commission consistency determination
3.22 Consider relocating SSD in Los Angeles to San Bernardino due to housing and office space availability/affordability
3.23 Elimination of Falcon AFB as a potential relocation site
3.24 Discrepancy regarding boundaries of Peterson AFB Site 3
3.25 Consider taking advantage of previously funded improvements at March AFB
3.26 Relocating SSD to March AFB would result in a significant cost savings to the Air Force
3.27 Housing Site #1 should be evaluated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and California Department of Fish and Game for the presence of rare plant communities
3.28 Consider addressing possible future closure and cleanup at Peterson AFB
3.29 Relocation of BMO personnel

Issue Area 4: Community Setting

4.1 Economic impacts of base closure should be assessed on a city by city basis
4.2 Consider adequate mitigation measures at Vandenberg AFB
4.3 Funds necessary for developing adequate housing at receiving sites would be better spent developing housing at the existing site

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4.4	Consider the depressed housing market in Los Angeles
4.5	Consider impacts of overcrowding at schools in Santa Barbara
4.6	Assumptions regarding relocation of BMO personnel.
4.7	Consider the impacts of the relocation of 20,000 people to the Santa Barbara area over a short period of time
4.8	Population increase in Vandenberg Village would require an upgrade of public services
4.9	The FEIS should include a full assessment of environmental costs of BMO employees losing local jobs and commuting outside the Inland Empire
4.10	Consider availability of affordable civilian housing in receiving areas
4.11	Discrepancies between LECS for BMO and DEIS regarding regional income
4.12	Objections to generic modeling program used in the LECS for the closure of Los Angeles AFB
4.13	Cumulative economic impacts should be evaluated thoroughly for the closure of both Norton and George AFBs
4.14	Base number of employees added to the local economy as a result of the proposed relocation to Vandenberg AFB should be based on the 1986 employment figures
4.15	Consider the large military to civilian employment ratio which would occur at Peterson/Falcon AFBs
4.16	Housing availability at Vandenberg AFB may have been overestimated
4.17	The DEIS does not address impact on schools, hospitals, or fire and police departments
4.18	Consider quality-of-life impacts for current Santa Barbara County residents (i.e., impacts of population boom to local communities)
4.19	Inland Empire can accommodate work force requirements related to relocation of SSD
4.20	Schools within the Moreno Valley Unified School District are in a growth mode
4.21	Consider an evaluation of the social impacts of the proposed population influx in the socioeconomics section of the DEIS
4.22	Consider cumulative impacts of loss of coastal lands for recreational development in Santa Barbara County
4.23	Suggested revision to Section 4.3 regarding contractor personnel at the base
4.24	The number of indirect jobs generated near Vandenberg AFB from relocation of SSD has been underestimated in DEIS
4.25	Population figures in the DEIS for North County area have been overestimated
4.26	Employment figures for North County area have been overestimated
4.27	Consider vacancy rate for on-base housing units
4.28	Assumptions used in U.S. COE's EIFS model should be made available
4.29	Questions assumptions made regarding areas targeted for growth near Vandenberg AFB
4.30	Discrepancies in urban land needed to support the proposed action (Tables 4.3-2 and 4.6-2)
4.31	Request assumptions used in determining urban land requirements for local communities
4.32	Page 4.1-11 Suggested text revision regarding cumulative economic impacts
4.33	Comments noted
4.34	Diversification of the Colorado Springs economy
4.35	Negative impacts on the infrastructure surrounding Los Angeles AFB
4.36	Relocation of aerospace contractors and related jobs
4.37	Local employment opportunities at relocation site
4.38	80/20 population split in Santa Maria and Lompoc
4.39	Funding for additional housing at March AFB under 2667
4.40	Irreversible impact of new housing on a long-term basis

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Issue Area 5: Land Use And Aesthetics

5.1 DEIS does not evaluate site reuse for Los Angeles AFB
5.2 Consider available vertical space at Los Angeles AFB
5.3 DEIS does not address future land use alternatives for Los Angeles AFB
5.4 Adjacent land uses to Site 1 at March AFB
5.5 Electrical generation "research" reactors and surrounding exclusion areas
5.6 March AFB Land Use Plan is compatible with the relocation of SSD
5.7 Consistency with the County of Santa Barbara's General Plans and Air Quality Attainment Plans should be analyzed thoroughly
5.8 Santa Maria and Lompoc planning policies that limit growth on agricultural lands
5.9 Santa Maria and Lompoc General Plans may not accommodate Air Force's projected needs
5.10 Inconsistencies in statements made about land available for development in vicinity of Lompoc
5.11 Land reuse may cause more environmental problems than the base
5.12 Consider information provided by Phase I of the Santa Maria Sphere Study
5.13 Suggested revision regarding developable land in the City of Lompoc
5.14 Suggested revision regarding developable residential area within the Mission Hills and Vandenberg Village areas

Issue Area 6: Transportation

6.1 Air transportation is easier from Los Angeles than any of the alternatives
6.2 Proposed action would increase air and ground traffic around Vandenberg AFB beyond intended capacity for the area
6.3 DEIS fails to address commitments made to mass transit in the area around Los Angeles AFB
6.4 Consider listing assumptions regarding the development of future year traffic volumes
6.5 A detailed traffic study is needed to ascertain both traffic impacts and mitigation for the relocation of personnel from the closure of Los Angeles AFB to Vandenberg AFB
6.6 Consider including a more thorough discussion of peak period traffic volumes in the FEIS
6.7 The number of added commutes between local communities and Vandenberg AFB due to additional workers at Vandenberg AFB should be compared against the 1986 numbers
6.8 The DEIS does not adequately discuss plans to upgrade Interstate 215 near March AFB
6.9 Measure A transportation projects in Riverside County
6.10 Consider additional local street and road improvements
6.11 Consider the related traffic improvements from personnel who may relocate to Riverside or who will no longer commute to Los Angeles AFB during peak periods
6.12 Consider the likelihood of commuter rail service as a mitigation measure for traffic impacts of SSD relocation to March AFB
6.13 Funding for ride sharing should be made available as such programs should be considered as mitigation measures for traffic impacts of SSD relocation to March AFB
6.14 Corrections to Table 3.6.3-11: Existing Conditions-Column 2: Average Daily Traffic (ADT)
6.15 Use more recent traffic data in calculations for Albuquerque
6.16 Labeling of columns in traffic tables
6.17 Include peak-hour analysis for roadway segments and selected intersections

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6.18 Traffic mitigation measures should be included in the FEIS
6.19 DEIS overstates traffic related impacts by not providing a complete analysis of highway and road improvements currently underway near Peterson AFB
6.20 Consider the testimony of RCTC regarding transportation improvements around March AFB
6.21 DEIS must consider planned road improvements which will alleviate the unacceptable LOS around March AFB
6.22 Consider the accessibility and convenience of Ontario Airport in relation to March AFB
6.23 More detail should be provided about how project traffic volumes were estimated
6.24 More detail should be provided about when projected conditions would be expected to occur and for how long
6.25 The traffic section should include a complete analysis of AM and PM "Peak-Hour" traffic
6.26 Description of Albuquerque International Airport does not adequately discuss facility
6.27 Delete reference to State Route 20 (p. 3.3-7, paragraph 4).
6.28 Traffic impacts of Alternative 5 at Los Angeles AFB
6.29 Transportation impacts of retirees using facilities at other bases

Issue Area 7: Utilities

7.1 Alternative water supply for Falcon AFB
7.2 Water resource versus a utility issue for potable water supply at March AFB
7.3 Decreased potable water demand on Los Angeles AFB
7.4 Revised text amendments for potable and wastewater sections for Albuquerque, N.M.
7.5 Suggested text amendments for the electrical and natural gas utility for Kirtland AFB
7.6 References to the NPDES permitting for the wastewater system for Falcon AFB
7.7 Information on alternative wastewater treatment system for Falcon AFB
7.8 Information on alternative wastewater treatment system for Falcon AFB
7.9 Text amendments for average daily potable water demand for Colorado Springs, Co.
7.10 Additional information on expanded treatment capabilities of the Mills Filtration Plant
7.11 Revised capacity of the March AFB wastewater treatment system
7.12 Implications of the expansion of public service facilities in Santa Barbara County
7.13 Revised average daily demand of potable water for Falcon AFB
7.14 Historical figures for potable water demand for Falcon AFB
7.15 Basis for projection of utility systems demands in Santa Maria and Lompoc
7.16 Population projection sources for Santa Maria and Lompoc, Ca.
7.17 Source of population projections utilized for utility demands
7.18 Compliance of Vandenberg AFB with state legislation AB939
7.19 Basis for population growth rates for estimated electrical demand
7.20 Natural gas consumption and future demand
7.21 Suggested revised text of water quality for the City of Lompoc
7.22 Suggested revision of figures for wastewater flows for the Lompoc treatment system
7.23 Vandenberg AFB's contractual agreement for the treatment of wastewater from the base
7.24 Revised text of electrical energy for the City of Lompoc
7.25 Suggested text amendment for compliance to state legislation of AB939
7.26 Water resource figures for the Rio Grande basin at Albuquerque, N.M.
7.27 Albuquerque's new solid waste facility and recycling program

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	Issue Area 8: Hazardous Materials/Waste Management
8.1	Water and soil around Los Angeles AFB should be sampled and analyzed for hazardous materials
8.2	Waste management facilities are inadequate for the proposed growth at Peterson/Falcon AFBs
8.3	Consider newly constructed and state-permitted hazardous materials handling, storage and disposal facility near Kirtland AFB
8.4	EPA, Region IX commends Air Force for commitment to hazardous waste cleanups and investigations
8.5	Previous DOD hazardous waste site problems
8.6	Status of existing hazardous waste sites at Los Angeles AFB
	Issue Area 9: Geology and Soils
9.1	Rezoning of prime agricultural lands to support base growth
9.2	Consider location of Big Pine Fault as shown in the Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan
	Issue Area 10: Water Resources
10.1	Water resources at Vandenberg AFB are inadequate and in overdraft
10.2	Coastal Aqueduct must first be approved by the voters
10.3	VAFB's water supply from San Antonio River basin is not in overdraft
10.4	Proposed relocation would deplete water system at Falcon AFB
10.5	Effect of the Central Arizona Project on Vandenberg AFB water supply
10.6	Provide alternate water sources in addition to state water
10.7	Existing water rights available to support relocation to Falcon AFB
10.8	Address DOD costs for bringing alternate water sources to VAFB
10.9	DOD should ensure safe, dependable, and adequate water supply at relocation site
10.10	Colorado State Engineer agrees with data, suggests finding alternate water sources for Falcon AFB
10.11	Suggestions for short-term overdraft mitigations and long-term alternate sources
10.12	Discuss groundwater quality and results from well monitoring of IRP sites
10.13	Discuss further groundwater contamination mentioned on p. 3.2-9 of the DEIS
10.14	Discuss further impacts on groundwater regarding potential spills at Kirtland AFB
10.15	Project runoff must be controlled to prevent contamination of surface waters
10.16	Water quality standards to be met under New Mexico law
10.17	Text revision regarding Falcon AFB water use
10.18	Text revision regarding water withdrawal by Cherokee Water & Sanitation District
10.19	Text revision regarding water supply at Falcon AFB
10.20	Text revisions regarding water usage and aquifer recharge
10.21	Text revision regarding City of Lompoc water withdrawals
10.22	Text revision regarding Santa Ynez River basin water destinations
10.23	Text revisions regarding the Lompoc Plain Aquifer

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10.24 Use of reclaimed wastewater for construction dust control and compaction
10.25 Text revision of recharge rate and overdraft numbers
10.26 The consequences of the groundwater impacts should be discussed and evaluated
10.27 Discuss alternatives at Vandenberg AFB if Coastal Aqueduct project is not implemented
10.28 Air Force state water entitlements would help mitigate impact
10.29 Transfer of state water entitlements from Los Angeles would help mitigate impact
10.30 Santa Maria will receive state water without requiring voter approval

Issue Area 11: Air Quality

11.1 Relocation to March AFB would have a beneficial effect on air quality
11.2 Relocation to Vandenberg AFB would reduce commuters to Santa Barbara thereby improving air quality
11.3 Vandenberg AFB air quality comparison to 1986 level
11.4 Relocation to March AFB would result in a net improvement to air quality
11.5 Discuss the status of air quality permits for March AFB
11.6 Increased emissions from SSD travel to and from Ontario International Airport
11.7 Nonattainment comparisons between sites
11.8 Degree of nonattainment at relocation sites
11.9 Corrected and\or suggested text replacement information
11.10 References to pollutant concentrations
11.11 Long-term impacts would be significant and short-term impacts should be mitigated
11.12 Discuss impacts of additional indirect traffic that would be generated by relocation
11.13 Disagrees with conclusion regarding long-term air quality impact
11.14 Maximum CO concentrations should be within the limits
11.15 References SCAQMD testimony regarding positive impacts and reasonable mitigations
11.16 Requests additional documentation of pollutants to be released during construction and operational phases
11.17 Suggested mitigations for air quality impacts in the Vandenberg AFB area
11.18 Explain criteria for determining the significance of the impacts
11.19 Present sufficient detail to allow comparison of the proposed and alternative projects
11.20 The proposed air quality impacts were not anticipated in the Santa Maria General Plan
11.21 Text revisions regarding nonattainment
11.22 Text revisions: Section 3
11.23 Additional documentation requested
11.24 Additional documentation requested
11.25 Additional documentation requested
11.26 Exact emission factors requested
11.27 Particulate emission calculations are not sufficiently documented
11.28 Revise methodology in determining significance of air quality impacts
11.29 Construction and vehicle emissions should be the primary focus in the EIS
11.30 Incorrect analysis of CO impacts
11.31 Inadequate discussion of the effects of the proposed project on ozone concentrations
11.32 Stationary source emissions should be discussed in more detail
11.33 Areas of nonattainment vary in Santa Barbara County

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11.34 Requests more detailed air quality analysis
11.35 More detailed analysis of construction related emissions
11.36 Identify all air quality impacts and determine the mitigations necessary to reduce impacts
11.37 Discuss removal of stationary source equipment from existing sites
11.38 Indirect source air quality impacts from the proposed project would be significant
11.39 Mobile source emission mitigation measures
11.40 Additional information on job/housing balance in March AFB subregion
11.41 SCAQMD staff encourages preparation of Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plans
11.42 Text revision regarding mobile source mitigation
11.43 Indicate project's consistency with local, state, and federal air quality standards
11.44 Effect on emissions in San Bernardino County
11.45 No extensive impacts to air quality at VAFB
11.46 Impact on air quality if BMO relocates

Issue Area 12: Noise

12.1 Air and ground traffic noise levels would increase at Peterson AFB

Issue Area 13: Biological Resources

13.1 Consider negative impacts to biological resources around Vandenberg AFB
13.2 The relocation of SSD to March AFB would not have a significant adverse effect on the Stephens' Kangaroo Rat population
13.3 Mitigation measures regarding the Stephens' Kangaroo Rat should be limited to one of the three potential sites which has been identified as a habitat area for this species
13.4 Negative impacts to sensitive plant and animal species around Vandenberg AFB
13.5 Siting constraints regarding the presence of the Stephens' Kangaroo Rat
13.6 Consider the State of Colorado's, Division of Wildlife recommendations to avoid disturbance of wetland habitats near Falcon AFB
13.7 Off-site impacts to wildlife due to population influx will be far greater than on-site impacts at Peterson AFB/Falcon AFB
13.8 Category 2 plants, wildlife, and threatened and endangered species are not fully described in the DEIS
13.9 Loss of habitat must be adequately addressed in the FEIS
13.10 Consider impacts to the Santa Ynez River and associated endangered and Category 2 species
13.11 California Least Tern has historically nested on sandbar in the Santa Ynez River slough
13.12 Unarmored threespine stickleback occurs in Honda Creek, south of Vandenberg AFB
13.13 Suggested changes to discussion on sensitive or unique biological habitats at Vandenberg AFB
13.14 State soil stabilization measures to be used
13.15 State how noxious weeds shall be controlled
13.16 Avoidance of large areas of Burton Mesa chaparral at Vandenberg AFB Housing Sites 1 and 2D is acceptable mitigation
13.17 Creation of wetlands is still considered experimental and should not be considered as mitigation of impacts until it is more thoroughly understood and implemented successfully

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13.18 The FEIS should contain the results of Section 7 compliance studies for wetlands and other aquatic sites around Vandenberg AFB

Issue Area 14: Cultural and Paleontological Resources

14.1 Changes suggested in letter regarding sites eligible for inclusion to the National Register at Kirtland AFB
14.2 Construction monitoring activities at Kirtland AFB

Issue Area 15: General Comments

15.1 Issues regarding relocation of base personnel
15.2 Supports keeping Los Angeles AFB open
15.3 Consider spreading the relocation of personnel over several areas in Vandenberg AFB area
15.4 No comment
15.5 Support keeping BMO facilities in San Bernardino
15.6 History paragraph in DEIS fails to record significant contribution of the BMO
15.7 Opposes relocation to one of four proposed locations
15.8 Supports closure of Los Angeles AFB
15.9 Consider text revisions
15.10 Supports relocation to one of four proposed locations
15.11 Request inclusion of public hearing submittals as part of record
15.12 Convenient, obvious, and inexpensive mitigation measures should be described in the FEIS
15.13 Environmental impacts at Peterson/Falcon AFBs should be compared to that of Kirtland AFB
15.14 FEIS should consider environmental impacts of residential and commercial construction which would occur in addition to basic SSD and Aerospace facilities in Colorado Springs
15.15 FEIS should use consistent and objective wording when circumstances are equal
15.16 Contact us for additional information about Albuquerque Public Schools
15.17 Corrections to scoping hearing attendance list
15.18 Consider including an evaluation of universities or other technical research support facilities
15.19 Objection to interpretation of data in DEIS
15.20 The SSD should stay in California
15.21 Comments noted

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